

## Prices and Prospects.

### IS DIFFICULT FOR FURNACES TO KEEP UP RATE OF OPERATION

few That They Have Used Up  
Their Accumulations of  
Beehive Coke.

#### SHIPMENTS STILL SHORT

Requirements and likely to continue so until more cars are placed in the coke trade; no revision of prices expected until end of year.

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PITTSBURGH, March 6.—While shipments of coke continue to increase slowly the blast furnaces are having some difficulty in maintaining their rate of operation of two or three weeks ago as they have used up the accumulations of coke produced by the railroads clearing up the congestion in their yards and on sidings. Increased shipments of the past week or two are due to the return of the cars that had been used up in this congestion. Shippers maintain that this is not sufficient, and that there are not nearly enough cars engaged in the trade, even though the cars make the round trips with their old time facility. The railroads recognize this fact and promise that more cars will be put into the trade. The cars are to be secured as congestion in the east is relieved, and by finding as many cars elsewhere as can be spared from other traffic.

Fortunately for the railroads in this particular connection, the authorities at Washington have been interested themselves lately chiefly in the movement of foodstuffs, requiring box cars. The railroads have an opportunity to do something with open top cars. Reports in the past few days have gone to the effect that there is a considerable flow of cars from the east to put into the coal and coke trade in western Pennsylvania. While no precise estimates are made the indications seem to be that the influx in the Connellsville coke movement should be several hundred cars per week. The total number of cars lately engaged in this trade is not known at all definitely, but is probably in the neighborhood of 30,000. Whatever the exact number, shippers insist that it should be at least 25 per cent greater, as coke shipments even with reasonably quick movement of cars are short of requirements by at least that amount.

The advances in coke prices granted by the Fuel Administration last week to certain districts in West Virginia, also on certain descriptions of foundry coke made in Indiana county, Pennsylvania, have raised the question whether there may not be some modifications of prices in connection with Connellsville coke. The majority opinion is strongly that there will be no revision, and that in fact recent declarations of the Fuel Administration have indicated that the present set prices are to run at least to the end of this year. The matter of coke and steel price revision, now being discussed, does not include coke, or the reason that by the announcement of December 28 last the iron and steel prices were continued definitely to March 31, while that was not done with coke, and there is the further fact that the iron and steel prices are taken care of by the War Industries board while coke and coke prices are set through the medium of the Fuel Administration acting under the President's authority established by the ever-act of last August. The iron and steel price fixing, on the other hand, is in essence a voluntary agreement.

There are slightly heavier offerings of coke in the open market, but as formerly the offerings are almost entirely of coke loaded in Pittsburgh & Lake Erie cars, which are not permitted to go off the road's own rails and therefore can reach only a very few consumers. Sales made are at the set prices. After June 30 there will be considerably more free coke in the market as many contracts expire on that date. So far as known no contracts expire at the end of this month. The market remains quiet at the set prices as follows:

Furnace 22-hour selected ..... \$19.00  
Foundry 22-hour selected ..... \$17.00  
Crushed, over 1-inch ..... \$17.25

The local coal trade is much interested in the prospective revision of coal prices, which is to occur by April 1. All that is definitely known through official announcements is that the coal shortage of 15 cents, now permitted to be charged by brokers above the set price, is to come off, and the price of the mine is to be advanced. The probability seems to be that the advance will be only 15 cents or a fraction thereof, to give the coal operator something out of which to pay brokerage, but it is regarded as a distinct possibility that the advance will be as much as 15 cents. There is a fair volume of Pittsburgh coal now moving in the spot market but the fact that consumers are still willing to pay brokers a commission, above the price at which the operators are limited, indicates that coal is not plentiful. The townships coal interests, however, seem now well provided, as they are not buying in the open market. The set prices for Pittsburgh district coal are: slack, \$2.20; mine-run, \$2.45; screened, \$2.70, per net ton at charge.

#### COKE FREIGHT RATES.

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district, which include what is officially known as the "Connellsville" region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and sometimes the Masontown district) to principal points for shipment, are as follows, per net ton of 2,000 pounds, effective June 15, 1917:

Destination	Rate
Baltimore	41.15
Buffalo	2.50
Canonsville	1.55
Chicago	1.75
Cincinnati	1.75
Columbus	1.40
Detroit	2.25
East St. Louis	1.40
Elkhart	1.40
Harrisburg	1.40
Joliet	2.55
St. Louis	2.55
Milwaukee	2.55
New York	3.80
Philadelphia	2.50
Pittsburgh	2.50
Port Henry, N. Y.	2.50
Pottsville	2.10
Reading	2.10
Richmond, Va. (P. R. R.)	2.40
Richmond, Va. (N. E. R.)	2.10
South Bethlehem	2.10
Syracuse, Pa.	2.10
Toledo, O.	2.00
Wheeling	1.25
Valley Points	1.25

From Connellsville District:  
Philadelphia (P. O. B. vessel) ..... \$1.55  
Baltimore (P. O. B. vessel) ..... \$1.55  
From Latrobe District:  
Philadelphia (P. O. B. vessel) ..... \$1.75  
Baltimore (P. O. B. vessel) ..... \$1.75

the buyer a commission, above the set price, not to exceed 15 cents. The pig iron market continues rather quiet but sales of small lots are being made in fair volume, and there is a moderate amount of contract business in foundry grades for the second half. All transactions are at the set prices, with a provision for revision to any new government price that may be in force at the date of shipment. The set prices are:

Basic	\$23.50
No. 2 foundry	\$23.00
Malleable	\$23.50
These prices are f. o. b. furnaces, freight to Pittsburgh in the case of the Valley furnaces being 55 cents.	

W. P. Snyder & Company announce their averages for February at \$33.50 for Bessemer and \$33.00 for basic, at Valley furnaces.

NEW YORK, March 6.—The American Metal Market Daily Iron and Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows:

Steel shipments are increasing somewhat more rapidly than a fortnight ago and are now averaging close to 75 per cent of nominal capacity, though with the great amount of new construction that has occurred in the past two years the ratings should probably be higher than those now taken for the purpose of making comparisons. Pig iron production is outstripping finished steel production, as the finishing operations are retarded by shipping conditions and it is more convenient to stock pig iron than finished steel. The increased pig iron production reflects the heavier production of pig iron that has lately been occurring. Blast furnace operations in the industry as a whole are easily at 80 per cent of capacity.

As a result of the conference held last Friday with representatives of all producing lines, the iron and steel committee will probably recommend to the War Industries Board a continuance of the present set prices to the end of the year. The conference at which this matter will be discussed is expected to be held between the 15th and 20th of this month. An interesting feature of the situation is that the War Industries Board has a new chairman, Mr. Baruch.

By far the most interesting feature of the situation is the possibility that there will be a competitive market in some iron and steel products in the near future. Whether or not this will occur depends chiefly upon transportation. The high costs, which make it that at the set prices the producers are earning very moderate profits indeed, are due in considerable part to light production caused by insufficient transportation. It is being pointed out that if the government desires lower prices the readiest and most practical means to that end would be to supply transportation to the industry. It is believed that with favorable weather this can be done.

There is a slight improvement in demand for steel products in the open market, but on the whole demand is very light, the pressure being chiefly for deliveries against orders already placed, the filling of which in most cases is very long overdue.

Lend Men to Railroads.  
Many coal operators in Ohio have detailed men from their staffs for work in various railroad shops and repair yards.

## Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

### Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	WEEK ENDING MARCH 2, 1918.	WEEK ENDING FEB. 23, 1918.
DISTRICT.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.	Ovens. In. Out. Tons.
Connellsville	19,919 17,901 2,018 168,770	19,919 17,837 2,082 147,292
Lower Connellsville	17,069 15,529 1,540 127,058	17,069 15,469 1,600 117,547
Totals	37,988 33,430 3,558 295,828	37,988 33,306 4,682 264,839
FURNACE OVENS.		
Connellsville	10,342 15,282 1,560 170,521	10,342 15,249 1,594 121,231
Lower Connellsville	6,526 4,853 973 38,491	6,526 4,853 973 35,640
Totals	22,048 20,115 2,563 169,312	22,048 20,101 2,567 156,871
MERCHANT OVENS.		
Connellsville	8,077 2,639 438 27,949	8,077 2,639 438 26,971
Lower Connellsville	11,940 10,076 1,107 38,567	11,940 10,016 1,227 39,907
Totals	14,920 13,315 1,605 116,516	14,920 13,255 1,665 107,878
SHIPMENTS.		
To Pittsburgh	3,908 Cars. 108,567 Tons.	3,583 Cars. 120,354 Tons.
To Point West of Pittsburgh	3,755 Cars. 137,225 Tons.	3,074 Cars. 134,597 Tons.
To Point East of the Region	1,255 Cars. 45,742 Tons.	534 Cars. 32,617 Tons.
Totals	8,918 Cars. 291,534 Tons.	8,191 Cars. 296,568 Tons.
By River,	3,300 Tons.	640 Tons.
TOTAL,	297,234 Tons.	297,278 Tons.
Corresponding Week, 1917.	342,720 Tons.	353,085 Tons.

### CHANGES IN COAL PRICES TO BE MADE BEFORE APRIL FIRST

Not Intimated What Advance,  
If Any, Will Be Allowed  
To Be Made.

#### TO BE BASED ON COST DATA

Fuel Administration Has Worked  
Out Principles Which Will Be Used  
as a Guide in Modifying Prices,  
and Changing Coal Classifications.

The changes in the prices of coal which the trade has long considered as being in prospect will, it has been officially announced, be made before April 1. In a statement bearing upon this matter the Fuel Administration says:

"The regulation of coal prices by the Fuel Administration is the first attempt ever made, at least on a large scale, by the United States government to fix and establish prices for any of the great industries. It is very important to both the public and the coal industry that the prices so fixed should be based on accurate information as to the conditions prevailing in different fields, and that, when once this information has been received, the right principles should be employed in making use of this information."

"The Fuel Administration believes that it has devised a speedy and accurate method for using the cost information which it has in hand, and that it has worked out the fundamental principles which should guide it in considering applications for modifications of coal prices."

"It is the purpose of the Fuel Administration to announce decisions on all applications for price revisions now before it prior to April 1, 1918, and prior to that time, to make such changes in the classification of coal as seem to be necessary, in order to relieve uncertainty on this score as far as possible before the beginning of the new coal year."

"By this statement, the Fuel Administration does not wish to be understood as stating that the examination of the prices now being made will complete its price work. On the contrary, the administration will continue to collect and study facts relating to the cost of production of coal and the prices at which it is sold. It will make such further adjustments from time to time as are necessary to keep the prices on a scale fair to the public, fair to the coal industry, and sufficiently high to encourage production. It hopes, also, to take measures in the very near future to encourage and insist upon the use of less wasteful methods of mining, the sale of clean coal, and are more definite recognition of the different qualities of coal in the government prices."

#### RESUME OPERATION

Melcroft Coal Company Starts After  
Cold Weather Shutdown.

The Melcroft Coal company has resumed operations at its mines in the Indian Creek Valley above Davisstown. The mines have been shut down several weeks on account of the cold weather.

The coal company has material for several hundred houses at the lower part of the valley and work on getting the buildings ready for employees of the mining company will soon begin.

Scottdale in W. Va. Mining Co.  
The Hill Coal company of Belington, W. Va., has been incorporated by Thomas J. Hill, J. E. Cook, Sadie E. McAdams and E. E. Cook, Scottdale. The capital stock is \$25,000. Mines will be operated in the Barker district, Harbourside county.

### ZONING PLAN OF HANDLING COAL IS ASSUMING SHAPE

Boundaries Must Be Fixed By April 1  
So That Buyers and Producers Can  
Complete Contract Details.

The Fuel Administration's zoning plan is rapidly assuming shape. A tentative program, which will follow in a somewhat general way the proposal of the railroads, is being concluded. The zones, however, will be considerably broader than those in the plan submitted by the railroads.

It is now clear that there can be no great limit set on the movement of Lake coal to the Northwest, but the all rail movement from West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky for that section of the country will be cut off. The supply of smokeless coal for Illinois and Indiana will be very largely curtailed. The only way that it will be possible to move coal from one zone to another will be by special license. Every effort now is being made to fix boundaries for the various zones. This is complicated by the fact that some of the zones will be broader in the summer than after October 1, when weather conditions will necessitate some restrictions.

Another important element entering into the fixing of the boundaries is reports from the railroads as to their ability to move the coal as prescribed. Director General McAdams has directed his operating office to report at the earliest possible moment on the phase of the matter. The zone boundaries must be fixed before April 1, so that purchasers may know where they may buy and operators be informed as to the territory from which they may accept orders.

#### HEAVY DECLINE

Coal Output Fell Off 510,000 Tons In  
Week of February 23.

A decrease of 510,000 tons as compared with the preceding week marked the total bituminous output during the week ending February 23, as shown by the weekly report of the United States Geological Survey. While this decline in gross output amounted to 4.6 per cent, it is difficult to interpret the rate of production per working day because of the unequal observance of February 22, as a holiday.

"For the country as a whole the ratio of tonnage produced to full-time capacity amounted to 71.8 per cent, the best performance since New Year's week. The change reflected the improvement in transportation conditions made possible by continued mild weather."

In general, improved operating conditions were reported throughout the middle west and east to Pennsylvania. Production in Western Pennsylvania, including the Pittsburgh district rose from 57.5 to 73.3 per cent; in Central Pennsylvania, from 65.4 to 79.0 per cent; in Somerset county, from 49.4 to 67.6 per cent.

#### BUY FRANKLIN COAL

Local Men Take Over Tract of 130  
Acres for \$11,000.

A deed recorded in Uniontown yesterday shows the transfer of 130 acres of coal in Franklin and Perry townships by Ferdinand Guth to the Coke City Coal company of Connellsville for \$11,000. The deed bears the date of February 18.

The Coke Coal company, chartered last fall, is composed of Bernard DeGrazia, Michael Bufano and Gaetano Corrado, of Connellsville.

Poole Transferred.  
E. P. Poole, formerly of Connellsville, has resigned as assistant superintendent of the Mount Clare shops of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, to become assistant superintendent of several plants of a company in Rockville, Md. Mr. Poole has taken charge of his new position and will later be joined by Mrs. Poole and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Workman.

## Production and Output.

### NO PROGRESSIVE NOR PERMANENT GAIN IN OUTGOING COKE TONNAGE

#### COKE TRADE SUMMARY.

Neither permanent nor progressive gain in the volume of outgoing coke tonnage has yet come to the Connellsville region, although it is ready for both and has been over since the "clean-up" of loaded car accumulations of some weeks ago. In rail shipments last week there was a falling off which more than offset the gain in river shipments, leaving the week with a total of 297,278 tons 144 tons behind the aggregate of the previous week. This shows plainly that a larger car supply has not yet become available, much as the region had reason to expect would be forthcoming before this time. In fact, the outlook this week is decidedly worse than last. The Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad has made about an average distribution and the Baltimore & Ohio has done fairly well, but the Pennsylvania has failed to keep up to its recent average. This is accounted for by the great activity in speeding-up an eastbound movement of foodstuffs which will continue at the maximum for some days yet. As it comes up the railroads promise to give more attention to the return of empty which, if they materialize, will help out the coke situation.

The furnaces are beginning to feel the pinch having about exhausted the accumulations of coke which resulted from the clean-up, but day-to-day shipments are at present insufficient to maintain iron production at the rate prevailing for several weeks past.

#### BY-PRODUCT OUTPUT SHOWS MARKED GAIN AS WEATHER SETTLES

Week of February 23 Best Since  
First of the Year, Production Be-  
ing 77 Per Cent Capacity.

The output of by-product coke during the week of February 23 showed a marked improvement over the preceding week, says the report of the United States Geological Survey. The ratio of tonnage produced to maximum capacity rose from 73.5 per cent during the week of February 16, to 77.0 per cent. The improvement was effected by a reduction in losses due to coal shortage. Losses attributed to that cause decreased from 21.9 to 16.3 per cent.

The week's performance was the best since January 5. The by-product plants of the country seem in general to have entered the month of December with reserves sufficient to tide them over two or three weeks of bad weather. With the congestion of transportation which continued to the beginning of February, the reserve supply of coal at by-product plants fell as low as 55.9 per cent in the extreme depression of mid-January. The present recovery in by-product operations, though encouraging, does not indicate the accumulation of a sufficient reserve at the plants.

Practically all of the important producing states reported improvement during the week of February 23. In Maryland losses due to lack of coal dropped from 42.0 to 5.9 per cent of maximum capacity. In Alabama, however, the rate of production to capacity declined from 83.1 to 84.3 per cent, the cause assigned was shortage of coal.

#### \$5,257 OF WAR STAMPS

Are Subscribed By the Miners and  
Coke Workers at Mammoth.

Joseph Mallin, superintendent of the Mammoth plant of the H. C. Frick Coke company, almost took a local banker's breath for a moment, says the Latrobe Bulletin, when he announced that he wanted to buy 1,273 War Savings Stamps—\$5,257.49 worth.

The order for 1,273 stamps represented the first fruits of a drive in behalf of the War Savings Stamp, among the employees at the Mammoth plant.

Four or five of the employees subscribed for \$500 worth, each, while a large number bought entire cards filled up.

Still others ordered from two to 10 stamps, and the grand total ran to 1,273 stamps, making the largest order yet placed at one time, in Latrobe.

The men paid for the stamps from their surplus cash. Many of them intend adding a stamp or two to their collection every pay day.

In January, 1923, the 1,273 stamps bought by the men at Mammoth will be worth \$6,365.

#### WEEKLY RECORD

Of the Production and Shipments of  
Coke in the Connellsville Region.

Week.	Fur.	Mer.	Total.	Ship.
Jan. 5-11	111,357	58,725	170,082	184,635
Jan. 12-18	146,990	90,717	237,707	220,718
Jan. 19-25	147,056	80,870	227,926	217,182
Jan. 26-31	132,055	80,680	212,735	207,421
Feb. 1-7	126,288	88,270	214,558	228,539
Feb. 8-14	143,050	91,006	234,056	275,507
Feb. 15-21	143,010	98,162	241,172	285,163
Feb. 22-28	152,871	107,978	260,849	297,578
Mar. 1-7	160,312	116,516	276,828	297,234

Region is Ready For It, But  
It Seems to Be in the  
Dim Future.

#### A PROMISE OF RELIEF

When the Eastbound Rush of Food-  
stuffs Eases and Permits Freer Re-  
turn of Empty; Year's Loss to  
March 1 Was Over 500,000 Tons.

Increase in the volume of outgoing tonnage of coke has not yet become permanent, neither has it yet been shown that a progressive gain has set in. The region is ready for a forward movement of this kind, and has been expectantly waiting for it ever since the "clean-up" of some weeks ago, but its inception is evidently in the more or less remote future. The more hopefully inclined believe that when the present eastward rush of food supplies has spent itself, a steady tide of empty coke cars will turn region-ward and that condition for which operators and consumers have fondly hoped and fervently prayed will then be realized.

Neither last week nor the present has revealed promises of a consummation so devoutly wished by both coke producers and users. In fact, last week failed by a small margin to hold up to the record of the preceding week, while the indications are that this week will number among the poorest of the year in point of output. Except for the gain of 1,650 tons in shipments by river, the record of last week would have fallen still farther behind that of the week ending February 23. The total movement, by rail and river, was 297,278 tons, or 244 tons short of the combined total of the previous week. The fact that the gain by river was more than offset by the loss by rail shows conclusively that the car situation has not undergone such a change that a larger or steadily increasing supply can be depended upon.

Saved for the cars being furnished by the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie railroad this week's supply has been below recent averages, although the Baltimore & Ohio has done fairly well, especially on Monday when its distribution was 78 per cent of requirements. The Pennsylvania meantime has dropped very much behind. This condition is explained as being due to the exceptionally heavy eastbound traffic in foodstuffs which is being speeded-up under special orders of Director General McAdams. This movement is largely of box cars hence when it has eased somewhat will make possible, it is believed, the return of a large number of empties suitable for hauling coke. That is the promise the railroads hold out to the coke shippers who, somewhat impatient at the delay in the arrival of benefits resulting from generally better traffic conditions, have been seeking to discover the cause thereof.

There be those, however, who are inclined to the belief, without questioning the sincerity of the promise that relief will soon be forthcoming, that so many cars have been diverted from the coke trade that its volume cannot be increased until they are returned to this service or they are replaced by others. The trade is little concerned where cars come, but it is becoming increasingly concerned over their failure to arrive in the number or with the regularity that is desired by shippers and demanded by consumers.

Operating conditions were practically the same last week as the preceding, its interruptions being due to poor car supply and service during both periods rather than to other conditions. Production is growing apace the estimated total for the week being 284,828 tons, as compared with 264,839 tons.

Shipments, by rail, for the week ending Saturday, March 2, aggregated 8,013 cars, carrying 291,934 tons, distributed as follows:

Destinations.	Cars.	Tons.
Pittsburgh District	3,403	106,947
West of Pittsburgh	3,755	137,225
East of Connellsville	1,255	45,742

The river shipments of 5,200 tons swelled Pittsburgh consignments to 113,267 tons; Western shipments to 138,225 tons and the aggregate to 257,234 tons, a loss of 344 tons from the aggregate of the preceding week.

To show how much worse coke shipment conditions have been than in 1917 than they were during the corresponding months of 1917, the following tabulation is interesting:

Month.	1917	1918	Decrease
January	1,430,585	1,142,625	287,960
February	1,259,642	1,135,173	124,469
To Mar. 1	2,789,227	2,277,804	511,423

That the loss of 397,260 tons in January was cut down to 126,463 tons in February is the saving feature of the situation, otherwise the decrease of 523,724 tons in two months, or an average of 361,861 tons per month, or at the rate of over 3,000,000 tons per year, would be both ominous and disheartening.

#### Crow Buys Farm.

The homestead and farm of James V. Robinson, consisting of 124 acres in Georges township, near Fairbancas, was sold yesterday at sheriff's sale by John H. Strawn, receiver for the First National Bank of Uniontown, to Senator William E. Crow for \$20,100.

## DEEPEST WELL IN THE WORLD BEING DRILLED IN W. VA.

By the Hope Natural Gas Company From Which We Get Our Supply.

### IS NOW 7,350 FEET DEEP

And Drilling Goes On in Hope of Reaching Gas and Oil Sands Which Are Known to be Prolific Producers in Other Territory; Opens New Era.

The Hope Natural Gas company, from which the Fayette County Gas company secures its supply from the West Virginia fields, has drilled the deepest well in the world on the Goff farm, eight miles northeast of Clarksburg, until a few weeks ago the record for depth had been held by a boring at Grubbs, in Illinois, which had reached a depth of 7,349 feet. At the time mentioned the well near Clarksburg had driven the bit to a depth of 7,350 feet, one good American foot in excess of the German record. Moreover, the drilling is still in progress and as sufficient length of cable and adequate power and tools are at hand the prospects are good for driving still farther down into the crust of the earth and winning the pennant by a considerable margin.

Several oil wells in California, in the southwest, in West Virginia and in Pennsylvania have exceeded 4,000 in depth, and one near McDonald, Washington county, reached a depth of 7,248 feet.

The Goff well is near the center of the great Appalachian coal field basin, or trough, and is being drilled in search of the deeper oil and gas sands. The sand upon which most hope is based is the "Clinton" sand, which is prolific of gas and oil across central Ohio from Cleveland nearly to the Ohio river. From its outcrop this formation dips gently to the southeast beneath successively younger formations nearly if not all the way to Clarksburg. If the drill can reach the Clinton sand beneath the Goff farm, which is on an anticline or small upward fold in the shallower strata, it may possibly find gas or oil and ready to escape in enormous volume. Hence, the test not only excites the curiosity of the public and is of great economic interest to geologists, but is also of practical value to the oil men, by whom it is being closely watched.

If the well strikes a valuable oil or gas pool in the Clinton sand it may lead to the development of new oil or gas reserves, and if subsequent tests are successful it may open a new era in the history of the Appalachian oil and gas region. The possibility of discovering such oil and gas deposits, comprising new reserves hitherto unknown, is the justification of the great cost and labor of drilling the Goff well, though the best oil of the nation may be required to reduce the cost of drilling very deep wells to a point at which such work will be economically practicable.

If this boring ends in disappointment it is probable that similar wildcat tests will be made in other districts until the oil men are satisfied that the quest is hopeless, but if this deep wildcatting meets success the entire nation will welcome a most timely as well as valuable addition to its petroleum resources, and the gasoline consumer may well rejoice at the prospect of new, even if limited, supplies of high-grade Appalachian oil. At the same time, natural gas consumers may have reason to hope that the supply is not as near exhaustion as has been supposed.

### WANT SALE PERMIT

Thompson Trustees Seek Permission to Dispose of Greene County Coal.

Trustees in the bankrupt estate of J. V. Thompson of Uniontown have filed in the United States district court in Pittsburgh a petition asking permission for the sale of Greene county coal lands owned by Mr. Thompson, but subject to heavy debts. Federal Judge Charles P. Orr signed an order requiring the referee in bankruptcy to fix a day for a hearing, in order that the holders of all liens may appear and give their consent to the proposed sale. Negotiations are under way for the blanket sale of the property, but before there can be a closed and the sale made it is necessary for the trustees to get 75 holders of mortgages and 1,580 judgment holders to relinquish temporarily their claims in order that the property may be disposed of without delay.

### NO RECEIPTS GIVEN

For Income and Other War Tax Except When Paid in Cash.

Collector C. G. Lowery has announced that on account of the great amount of work in connection with the collection of income tax, the Internal Revenue Department has decided to depart from the long established custom of giving receipts for all payments of tax.

Receipts will be given without request for all cash payments of income and excess profits tax made at time of filing returns, but when payment is made by check, draft, or money order, receipt will not be given unless it is requested by the taxpayer.

It is believed taxpayers will realize that where payments are made by draft, check, or money order, the remittance in itself is sufficient evidence of payment of the tax and will not request receipt.

### I. C. Y. Buys Coach

Another coach has been added to the passenger equipment of the Indiana Creek Valley railroad, only recently a combination passenger and baggage car was purchased.

## BELIEVED CONTROL OF INDUSTRY WILL STOP WITH END OF THE WAR

But We Cannot be Very Confident on This Matter as the Public's Appetite Has Been Whetted.

We cannot be so very confident that the war-time experiments in state control of industry will turn out to have whetted the people's appetite for fresh experiments of the sort on return of peace, says Alexander Dana Noyes, in Scribner's. Regarding the present attitude in England, the London Economist lately made this comment: "The minds both of employers and of workmen there, in growing up a profound dislike of all government interference, and a not less profound determination to get out of it at the first opportunity. The old demand of Socialist orators that the government should nationalize this, that, and the other is moribund, if not dead. What all classes now want, and want so badly that their hearts ache for it, is to complete the war in a manner satisfactory to the Allies, and to get rid of the government control of industry."

If this is any fair picture of public opinion in England, the probability of similar revulsion of feeling among our own highly individualistic people would be reasonably strong. Generalizations are not altogether safe in the present abnormal circumstances, and we doubt it is possible that organized labor, which in England has pretty much had its way regarding wages under government control, would favor permanent state operation for that reason. But this, like most other present-day predictions, has the weakness of dealing with surrounding conditions whose character can only dimly be foreseen. It is the remark of an eminent writer on political problems that, whatever else happens after return of peace, the one certainty is that the United States will emerge from the war the most conservative in its political and industrial instincts, of the great communities of the world.

## ONE THOUSAND CARS SENT OUT OF B. & O. YARDS IN 24 HOURS

Biggest Movement for Months; Space Soon Filled With Incoming Cars.

A record for shipping cars out of the local yards, which exceeds anything for many months, was achieved Sunday when 1,000 cars left the yards in 24 hours. The entire yard force here threw all its energy into making the record and put it over. Sixty-five engines were sent out of the yards during the day.

In normal times the record would have been a good one, but it attracts special attention at the present time when back freight is piling up over the entire system. The space cleared out by the big shipment of cars east was quickly filled by incoming freight, however, and there is practically as much freight in the yards today as there was yesterday.

The coke car situation was fairly good Monday, there being 80 per cent on hand. Monday is always a good day for coke cars, the period over Sunday giving the empties a chance to pile up.

Coal cars were not as plentiful Monday as was expected there being only 48 per cent. The car supply is much improved over that which has been prevailing in past months and with better weather in sight, the railroads may effect a material cleanup of backed up freight traffic.

## COL. REID LEFT AN ESTATE OF \$100,000; WIDOW SOLE LEGATEE

Document Filed in Uniontown Today Was Made in the Year 1898; Widow Also Executrix.

The late Col. James Madison Reid of Connellsville left an estate valued at \$100,000 according to the contents of the will filed in Uniontown Monday. The property is mostly personal. The entire estate is left to the widow, Mrs. Nannie J. Reid, who is named executrix.

The will was made April 27, 1898, and was witnessed by H. S. Spear and J. C. Moore.

At the opening of court, this morning announcement was made of the continuance of all common pleas cases but that of Alfred D. Jones against the News Publishing company of Uniontown, until Friday morning, at which time the cases against J. V. Thompson will be called.

The Jones-News Publishing company case was taken up this morning before Judge Orswell of Venango county.

### SCHOOL BUILDING SOLD

Frank McLaughlin Buys Old Monarch Structure for \$450.

The old Monarch school building was sold Saturday afternoon at public sale by the Dunbar township school board to Frank McLaughlin of Dunbar township. The consideration was \$450.

C. B. Franks, member of the school board, was the auctioneer.

### DEMANDS ARE MET

Carpenters Are to Receive \$5 Daily Under New Agreement.

The carpenters and employers, of afternoon on the demand of the Connellsville, came to agreement this mer for increase in wages from \$4 to \$5 for an eight hour day.

It was said the increase was granted.

Wheeler Boy Enlists. James B. Swopes son of Mrs. Elizabeth Swopes of Wheeler, has enlisted in the aviation service. Swopes was a truck driver at Dunbar.

## LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, March 2 1918.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
MERCHANT OVENS			
182	182	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co., Greensburg
120	60	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co., Greensburg
20	20	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company, Mt. Pleasant
155	155	Carroll	Peerless-Cville Coke Co., Pittsburg
150	150	Chase	Chase Coke Co., Greensburg
40	40	Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co., Connellsville
40	40	Blen No 1	Whyel Coke Co., Uniontown
40	40	Blen No 2	Whyel Coke Co., Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Cville Coke Co., Greensburg
110	110	Fort Hill	W. J. Rainey, New York
10	10	Franklin	Summit-Cville Coke Co., Connellsville
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co., Uniontown
80	80	Greene	W. J. Rainey, New York
8	8	Helen	Samuel I. Lohr, Youngwood
145	145	Humphrey	Reasener Coke Co., Pittsburg
42	42	Shannon	Shannon Coke Co., Uniontown
34	34	Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co., Uniontown
40	40	Magee	Magee Coke Co., Uniontown
370	370	Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co., Connellsville
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	W. J. Rainey, New York
32	32	Myers	Brownfield-Cville Coke Co., Uniontown
40	40	Palmer	Newcomer Coke Co., Uniontown
110	110	Paul	W. J. Rainey, New York
150	150	Revere	W. J. Rainey, New York
36	36	Shirer	South Fayette C & C Co., Uniontown
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co., Uniontown
87	87	Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co., Greensburg
377	43	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co., Pittsburg
3,977	2,639		
FURNACE OVENS			
260	253	Adelaide	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
337	300	Bugraley	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
300	300	Bilmar	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
100	100	Bull	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
250	256	Calumet	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
301	232	Central	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
10	10	Conabrook	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
222	222	Davidson	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
210	210	Dorothy	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
272	272	Hecla No 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
372	372	Hecla No 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
300	300	Hecla No 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
153	153	Hoschetter-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	249	Juniata	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
306	306	Kyle	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
499	492	Leasener 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
422	422	Leasener 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
602	600	Leasener 3	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
304	304	Leith	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
227	227	Lewis No 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
350	350	Lewmont No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
509	500	Mammoth	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
400	392	Marguerite	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
151	151	Mutual	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
256	256	Oliphant	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
224	224	Oliver No 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co., Pittsburg
489	417	Oliver No 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co., Pittsburg
100	100	Oliver No 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co., Pittsburg
400	400	Phillips	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
142	140	Realtone	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
120	120	Rice	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
448	448	Shoat	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
425	425	Southwest 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
425	425	Southwest 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
204	204	Standard	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
110	110	Semet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co., Dunbar
200	190	Stewart Iron Co.	Uniontown
464	463	Trotter	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
350	350	United	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
200	112	Valley	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
36	36	Wheat	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
352	352	Whitney	Hoschetter-Cville Coke Co., Pittsburg
800	309	Wynn	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
500	440	Torkrun	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
146	146	Township	H. C. Frick Coke Co., Pittsburg
16,545	16,225		

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## B. & O. MEN WHO MADE FREIGHT RECORD FEAST

Superintendent M. H. Broughton is Host to Score of Them.

Superintendent M. H. Broughton of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Monday night entertained Master Mechanic T. R. Stewart and his force of foremen at dinner at the Arlington Hotel for their special efforts in furnishing power, getting it ready promptly and thereby making it possible to move 1,010 cars of loaded freight east out of Connellsville on Sunday. Covers were laid for 21 guests.

After the dinner short talks on perfect organization and team work were given by Superintendent Broughton, Assistant Superintendent C. M. Stone, Master Mechanic Stewart and General Foreman C. A. Cagle. Those present at the dinner were: M. H. Broughton, C. M. Stone, assistant superintendent; W. C. Schumacher, chief clerk; T. R. Stewart, master mechanic; C. A. Cagle, general foreman; Thomas Nee, roundhouse foreman; B. Opperman, engine dispatcher; M. O'Connor, hostler foreman; L. H. Bowers, night foreman; F. H. Sliger, assistant roundhouse foreman; E. W. McCormick, boiler foreman; Thomas Logan, tin and pipe shop foreman; J. Weinberg, carpenter foreman; J. Comiskey, night boiler foreman; H. Dunsmore, blacksmith foreman; Thomas V. Donegan, machine shop foreman; F. Barnhart, erecting shop foreman; E. M. Hostetter, night engine dispatcher; J. S. Jacobs, hostler foreman; W. E. Finn, clerk, and F. Friel, roundhouse clerk.

### On New York Trip.

Fred Edwards, superintendent of the Harbison-Walker brick works at Layton, has gone to New York on a several days' business trip.

## WHERE PRICES FOR ALL COMMODITIES ARE VERY MUCH HIGHER THAN OURS

What People of Sweden and Denmark Know About the Cost of All the Necessities of Living.

Sweden before the war used to import about 5 million tons of coal and coke per year. This supply, of course, has stopped. One result is that coal in Sweden now sells at \$100 a ton, and is difficult to obtain. In Denmark, also, the coal shortage is acute. In Copenhagen's finest department store clerks wear big straw slippers and woolen blankets because there is not coal enough to keep the place properly heated, says the World's Work.

Automobile tires are scarce in Denmark and consequently have skyrocketed in price. A single tire sold for \$540 there last October.

Tea in Sweden is \$8 a pound. Coffee is practically unobtainable. Woollen clothing has increased more than 200 per cent in price since the beginning of the war. Chocolates sell for \$3 a pound; ham for \$1 a pound.

Gasoline, likewise, is difficult to obtain, and the price of it is prohibitive. Last October, it was \$2 a gallon.

The length of the winter day in Sweden is approximately four hours. Lighting, therefore, is an essential. Kerosene is practically unobtainable, so the people have had to depend largely upon candles. In August, 1914, candles were 15 cents a pound, in January, 1917, 34 cents a pound, and last October, 58 cents a pound.

The scarcity and consequent abnormal prices of motoring necessities—tires and gasoline, for example—have necessarily affected the use of pleasure cars. Recently there were only 17 taxicabs operating in Stockholm.

In the spring of 1916 ordinary low-grade walking shoes in Sweden had increased in price to \$12 a pair. They are now \$25 a pair.

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## MINE FATALITIES INCREASED OVER 21 PER CENT LAST YEAR

Abnormal Conditions of Operation Were the Cause of Many Casualties.

### NO GAIN IN EMPLOYEES

But Hazards Generally Were Greater; Many New and Inexperienced Men in Places of Those Who Were Killed and Careless; Close Attention Absent.

Discussing mine fatalities during the year 1917 Albert H. Fay of the United States Bureau of Mines says that the abnormal conditions under which the coal mines were operated during 1917 are reflected in the accident records to the extent of an increase of 21 per cent in fatalities over 1916. The reports of the coal-mine inspectors to the Bureau of Mines of the Department of the Interior during 1917 account for 2,696 fatalities at the coal mines of the United States, as compared with 2,226 for 1916. There has been and is still an unusual demand on the operators for an increase in coal production which has been hampered by a congestion in freight traffic, and an apparent shortage of labor. Available data indicates an increase of less than 10 per cent in production.

It is not possible to give the number of men employed in 1917, but preliminary reports to the United States Geological Survey indicate that in some states there was a slight increase in the number of men employed, while in others there was a small decrease. Estimates by state mine inspectors in 15 of the smaller mining states, representing one-fourth of the industry indicate about 10 per cent increase in the number of employees. Therefore the total number employed in 1917 may not be much in excess of 1916, viz: 720,871.

Those mines which are able to secure cars to market their coal were operated on a full-time basis, while others, due to the lack of individual miners could work only during the time he was exposed to the mining hazard. The risk encountered by the individual miner is proportional to the time exposed. Other mines which were not so favorably situated, as to dispose of their coal operated only part time. This condition results in an increase of certain dangers, especially those due to gas, dust and falls of rock; which would not obtain in the case of the mine operating full time. The active mine will ordinarily be kept in better condition than one operated only part time.

The shortage of mine labor, required to keep pace with the increased demand for coal, is due to the attractive wages in munition factories, enlistments, and drafts into the army, a relaxation in immigration, and to emigration of many miners early in the war. It has been necessary, therefore, to employ new and inexperienced men from other fields to replenish his shortage. Many of the experienced mine foremen and safety engineers have either enlisted, or been drafted into the army, or secured more remunerative employment elsewhere, with the result that less experienced men have been placed in charge of some of the workings. With the exceedingly large demand for coal, it has been possible for the operators and others concerned to give as much attention to accident prevention at the mines as was being done in recent years under normal conditions.

## LEWELLYN MEMORIAL NEXT SUNDAY; COL. ROBBINS THE SPEAKER

Service Will Be Held in Scotland M. E. Church; Flag to Be Dedicated.

SCOTTSBURGH, March 5.—Memorial services for Thomas Lewellyn who lost his life in the sinking of the transport Tuscania will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow in the Methodist Episcopal church in connection with the unveiling of a service flag dedicated by the Standard Bearer of the church. The service is set for 3 o'clock.

Col. Edward E. Robbins of Greensburg will make the address on the occasion. A gold star will be placed on the flag in memory of Lewellyn.

### BOARD SELLS BONDS

Issue of \$27,000 Is Taken by Philadelphia Firm.

At a meeting of the school board Tuesday the P. S. Briggs company of Philadelphia, was awarded \$27,000 in bonds at 4 1/2 per cent interest. The bonds will pay off the full amount needed to settle up the building project.

A motion was also passed to secure a credit from the government for \$2,300 worth of War Savings Stamps. The application of H. M. Springer for a permanent college teachers certificate was granted.

### DRAFTEE SENT TO CAMP

Last Man of Saturday's Contingent Now in Training.

Kostas Bachekostous of Dawson, who had been called to go to Camp Lee with draftees Saturday, left Thursday afternoon on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 16 for the camp. He had changed his residence and did not receive the orders for going to camp in time to report Saturday night.

With the appearance of Bachekostous every man called by the No. 5 board for entrainment is listed as ready.

## TO FIGHT MINE FIRE WITH GRANULATED SLAG IS PLAN AT DAVIDSON

Flooding With Liquid Clay Has Not Proven to Be Successful; Presence of Slag Caused Trouble.

The H. C. Frick Coke company has abandoned its original plan of extinguishing the fire in Davidson mine by flooding it with liquid clay from the hillside overlooking the plant. Instead granulated furnace slag is to be substituted. The work was halted early in the winter but preparations are being made to resume with the use of new substance.

Last fall holes were drilled at numerous places over the hill and preparations were made to wash large quantities of earth through the openings into the mine with the purpose of filling up the recesses in the burning portion and smothering the fire. A pumping plant was installed along Mountz creek and pipe lines run to the hillside for the purpose of conveying the water as the method followed in placer mining.

What in the test seemed to be perfectly free earth and suitable for the purpose was found to be mixed with rock formation and it became evident soon that the project was not feasible for the reason that the rocky substance accumulated at the bottoms of the holes instead of spreading out and filling the recesses. Meanwhile the fire has been gaining headway. Just now the company is engaged in repairing a broken bulkhead.

### COAL OUTPUT HALF OF MINE CAPACITY

In West Virginia Last Year, Is Report of Department Chief; Statistics of Production in 1917.

Earl Henry, chief of the Department of Mines of West Virginia, is convinced that the coal output of that state could have been swelled to 125,000,000 tons, or practically doubled last year had there not been the exceptional interruptions to transportation, car and labor supply.

The annual report of the department shows the actual production to June 30, 1917, to have been 79,612,238 gross tons. Other statistics are summarized as follows:

There were 85,665 persons employed, an increase of 8,607 over the year before, yet the number of days worked was reduced from 232 in 1915-6 to 215 days last year.

The average price received by pick miners during the year for mining run-of-mine coal was 69 cents, which is an increase over the previous year of 17 cents a ton. The average tonnage produced by each pick miner was 1,849 gross tons, a decrease of 50 tons under the year 1916.

The average annual wage of pick miners was \$1,127.81, an increase over last of \$254.53. While the miners worked fewer days and produced less coal per man, their earnings were increased 28.80 per cent.

Eleven counties produced more than a million tons each, as follows: McDowell, 18,571,942; Fayette, 9,556,518; Logan, 8,559,122; Raleigh, 6,204,282; Kanawha, 5,577,577; Harrison, 4,675,411; Mercer, 3,225,429; Mingo, 3,207,182; Barbour, 1,306,983; Taylor, 1,270,182; Tucker, 1,214,964; Marshall, 1,119,827; Marion, 5,125,390; and Preston, 1,106,378.

Ninety companies produced more than 200,000 gross tons each, and seven of this number produced more than a million tons each. The United States Coal & Coke company took first place, having mined 4,552,132 tons, with the Consolidation Coal company second, with 4,021,803 tons. The next largest was the Pocahontas Fuel company, with 2,443,169.

### TRUCK BIDS OPENED

But Connell Delays Awarding Contract for Garbage Vehicles.

Bids for motor trucks for use in removing garbage were opened in council Monday, but the award was not made. Dr. C. W. Ellis, superintendent of that department being instructed to report his recommendation at the next meeting.

The Hyatt Motor company offered to supply three chassis with chain drive attachment for \$715 each. The Central Motor company submitted a bid on a second hand truck at \$300 with an added cost of \$350 for a chain drive attachment. The company also submitted a bid for a Reo three quarter ton truck, new, at \$1,160.

Smileage Dance Fund. The profits from the smileage dance held here recently for the benefit of the local boys in Camp Lee amounted to \$124.32. Of this amount \$100 was used to purchase smileage books for the soldiers and the remaining \$24.32 was donated to the Connellsville chapter of the Red Cross.

Teacher Files Claim. Miss Lottie Reynolds, Unontown teacher, Friday filed a claim for workmen's compensation. She is the first teacher in the county to do so. Several days ago Miss Reynolds, on her way to school, fell and broke her ankle.

## LIST OF COKE OVENS IN THE LOWER CONNELLSVILLE DISTRICT

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, March 2 1918.

Ovens	In Works	Name of Operators	Address
MERCHANT OVENS.			
40	Adah	Weston & Fayette Coke Co.	Greensburg
400	Albion	W. Harry Brown	Albion, Pa.
284	Allison No. 1	W. J. Rainey	New York
280	Allison No. 2	W. J. Rainey	New York
142	112 American No. 1	Reilly-Penbody Fuel Co.	Pittsburg
240	210 American No. 2	Reilly-Penbody Fuel Co.	Pittsburg
40	Aniak	The Wilkey & Feather C. Co.	Pittsburg
42	Bellevernon	Belleverson Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
257	Benco	Champion Coal Co.	Pittsburg
28	Browning	Browning Coke Co.	Unontown
50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co.	Unontown
34	Burck	Clark Coal Co.	Smithfield
265	205 Century	Century Coke Co.	Brownsville
40	Champion	Champion Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
120	120 Cville	Unontown Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
226	226 Denbe	Denbe Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
402	402 Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
148	148 Donald 3	Consolidated Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
149	149 Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co.	Unontown
32	Emory	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co.	Unontown
32	Finley	Jas. Byrne & Co.	Unontown
50	Frost	South Fayette Coke Co.	Unontown
119	69 Garwood	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
58	68 Genuine	Genuine Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
200	200 Griffin No. 1	Bessemer Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100 Griffin No. 2	Hillman-Scott Coke Co.	Pittsburg
210	210 Hebert	Connellsville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
45	45 Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co.	Pittsburg
30	30 Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co.	Connellsville
154	116 Hope	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38 Hope	Hope Coke Co.	Unontown
126	126 Hustead	Hustead-Semans C. & C. Co.	Unontown
260	260 Isabella	Isabella Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
24	24 Junior	Junior Coal & Coke Co.	Unontown
140	140 Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co.	Unontown
220	220 Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co.	Unontown
30	30 Leon	Franklin Coke Co.	Mt. Pleasant
400	400 Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale
40	35 Little Gem	The Bixler Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250 Little Gem	Cville Central Coke Co.	Pittsburg
34	34 Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co.	Pittsburg
54	54 Marion	Southern Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
102	102 Menallen	Menallen Coke Co.	Unontown
102	102 Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coal & Coke Co.	Unontown
60	60 Murphy	Richard Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
100	100 Old Home	W. J. Parrish	Unontown
400	400 Orient	Orient Coke Co.	Unontown
202	202 Puritan	Puritan Coke Co.	Unontown
30	30 Perry	Perry Coke Co.	Pittsburg
72	72 Plumer	Plumer Coke Co.	Unontown
101	101 Poland	Poland Coal Co.	Pittsburg
120	45 Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co.	Unontown
88	88 Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co.	Connellsville
355	315 Royal	New York	
30	30 St. Clair	H. R. Jackett Coal & Coke Co.	Smithfield
378	378 Seagriff	Taylor Coal & Coke Co.	Unontown
260	260 Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co.	Unontown
50	50 Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Coal & Coke Co.	Unontown
110	110 Sterling	Consolidated Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
50	50 Sunshine No. 2	Ladone-Gilbert C. & C. Co.	Masonston
400	400 Thompson	Thompson-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
100	100 Thompson	Thompson-Cville Coke Co.	Pittsburg
320	302 Tower Hill	Tower Hill Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
191	326 Tower Hill	Tower Hill Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
34	34 Vyrine	Vyrine Coal & Coke Co.	Scottsdale
500	500 Washington	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
500	500 Washington	Washington Coal & Coke Co.	Dawson
476	476 Whiteland	Banning-Cville Coke Co.	Unontown
60	60 Winmore	Winmore-Gilmore C. & C. Co.	Unontown
26	26 Yukon	Whitelake Coke Co.	Unontown

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120	100 Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Gars
100	100 Briarport	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
470	470 Briar Hill	Brier Hill Coke Co.	Brier Hill
425	425 Buntington	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	471 Colonial No. 1	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
150	150 Colonial No. 2	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
300	300 Colonial No. 4	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
250	250 Denarth	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
500	500 Edgemoor	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
200	200 Fairbank	Struthers Coal & Coke Co.	Fairbank
400	400 Fontdale	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
202	202 Genoa	Genoa Coal & Coke Co.	Ligon, O.
200	125 LaBelle	LaBelle Coke Co.	LaBelle
442	355 Lambell	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
516	464 Leckrone	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
244	150 Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Youngstown, O.
30	30 Newcomer	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg
400	400 Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co.	Unontown
350	350 Ronco	H. C. Frick Coke Co.	Pittsburg

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Remarkable progress is being made in the application of coal gas to motor cars, London automobile experts say. Three main systems are available, viz: Gas bag storage at low pressure, "bolster" storage at medium pressure, and metal tank storage at high pressure.

The simple gas bag is at present the favorite type, and very considerable improvement has been made in its design and fitting. The gas bolster is a receptacle built on the lines of a pneumatic tire. It can safely withstand considerable gas pressure, and now that metals are so scarce there is much to be said in favor of the rubber and fabric gas container.

As a result of restrictions imposed by the English government on the use of gasoline for motor vehicles coal gas is being utilized in that country as fuel to an increasing extent. It is reported that the new scheme was started in Manchester, and the success of the first experiments was such that the idea has been widely adopted.

In the commercial part of Lancashire shops are being taken to provide charging stations, so distributed that vehicles need never be more than five miles from a fresh supply, while the movement is similarly spreading throughout industrial Yorkshire, and in Glasgow it is meeting with appreciation.

The project was endorsed at a recent meeting at Nottingham of the Motor Trade Association. It is anticipated that garages throughout England will soon be in a position to supply rechargeable coal gas.

### MORE THAN \$1,000,000

Lost by Workers on Account of Strikes in the State Last Year.

More than \$1,000,000 was lost by workers of Pennsylvania in 144 labor disputes in the last five months of 1917, according to a summary issued by the Department of Labor and Industry. The strikes involved 28,485 workers and they lost what is estimated at 305,465 working days.

The mediators settled 31 disputes and made efforts to adjust others. The disputes settled involved 9,893 workers.

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## Looking Backward

## Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1888.

W. Hamilton acts em up to the office of Friendship Hotel company on the advent of the 2, 3 and bed room and the S. Paine purchases the Freeman in Apple street for \$700 Pearl and Nora live and six year old children of Mr and Mrs J. McGowan celebrate their birthday anniversary

Works of the Council-Ladies Frothingham resume after illiness of the first. The annual council will be held at 10 o'clock on Monday. It and improvements made through the year.

New Eastern council organized. The following officers were elected: President, Thomas Clark and G. G. Forsman; Treasurer, P. J. Peterson; Millar, treasurer of the old council to oversee the property.

Relief of chimes of three bells is placed in the new building. The bells will be placed at the new pipe organ.

Rev. J. H. Penickery is to be declared trustee from Pittsburg to New Haven during the coming summer.

Members are being taken at Vermont. The new town council with 22 members.

The new town council comes to be organized. The following are the committees and choice of a clerk: Rev. David Williams, former Baptist minister, and Rev. J. H. Penickery. Penickery died at Deland, Fla. 28 years old.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1905**  
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...for the week ending Febru  
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Over the next week approximately 100,000 tons of material will be distributed as follows: Pittsburg 2070 cars, points west 444 cars, points east 444 cars, and 100,000 tons of material will be distributed as compared with the previous week.

The Na land vessel Virginia, Ltd., of the Telephone company, has been right of way over the tracks Southwest Railroad company and the company has been struggling of wires without interruption. The company has placed 100,000 tons of material about the same as the previous week.

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Cottage state hospital is "up" and is protected by Dr. E. P. O'Connell.

Samuel Bale, 89 years old, is the oldest man in the city of Channahon, Ill. He is the oldest man in the city of Channahon, Ill. He is the oldest man in the city of Channahon, Ill.

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THURSDAY MARCH 11 1908

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and J. B. Wallace, Jr.  
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the First National Bank building

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# WATER COMPANY WAKENS UP TO FACT THAT CONNELLSVILLE PATRONS MUST HAVE RELIEF

Send Engineer and General  
Superintendent Here to  
View Situation.

## CONFER WITH THE MAYOR

Make Discovery that Company is Not  
the Popular Institution the General  
Officers Supposed it Was; the People  
Will "Fix up the Trouble."

The Conneltsville Water company seems to have at last wakened up to the fact that its consumers in this city are determined to have relief from the intolerable conditions under which they have been supplied during the past few months. The filing of a petition with the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission praying for relief from inadequate and unsatisfactory service has had the effect of moving the general office of the company to action. Two representatives, one an engineer and the other a general superintendent of operation, have come to Conneltsville to advise with Superintendent Edmunds, the successor of A. E. Husted, concerning measures for improving the service.

These general officers have had a conference with Mayor Duggan at which they were left in no doubt as to the mind of the people of Conneltsville in reference to the water situation. They asked Mayor Duggan if he would cooperate with them in the work of remedying present conditions, and were assured that all needed help would be forthcoming.

"Not because we love the water company," the Mayor said, "but because we are willing to do anything reasonable and fair to help you or anyone else out of a pinch and because we need to do something to help ourselves. The attitude of your company toward its patrons in Conneltsville has been such that if you stop any man on the street and mention its name to him, he will very promptly begin to curse it for its egregiously parsimonious and picaresque policy."

"This," said Mayor Duggan Monday morning, "was a revelation to the visiting representatives who, in common with other men from the general office of the company, have labored under the delusion that the Conneltsville Water company is one of the institutions of Conneltsville which holds high place in public favor and esteem. If they stay here long enough they will have many occasions to find out just how the people do feel toward the bunch that has been putting things over on the water consumers of Conneltsville for years."

During the conference with Mayor Duggan the water company representatives wanted to know if something could not be done "to fix up the trouble" without the necessity of taking it before the Public Service Commission. The Mayor very promptly and very pointedly replied:

"Fixing up, or rather promising to fix up, is all that your company has done for Conneltsville for the past 35 years. Your people have come here time after time and made all sorts of rosy promises only to go away and forget them while hoping that we would also forget them. But we haven't and I can tell you that you are not going to be allowed to forget them. Not that we depend upon the water company to make good what it has promised, but that we intend to go about making provision for a water supply in another way. The people will do the fixing up."

"The policy of your company," Mayor Duggan further remarked during the course of the conference, "would indicate that you think furnishing water supply to a town is to last for only a few years instead of for all time, and the less you can spend and the more you can get out of the service, the better. The people of Conneltsville, along with those of other cities in the state realize that water supply is becoming one of the most serious of all municipal problems. They mean to solve it in their own way rather than trust it to a tightwad corporation like yours. There is every reason why we should make provision to supply ourselves with and adequate quantity and pure quality before the present sources have become polluted, as they are certain to before many years."

"Your company has done nothing, has not even promised to do anything, in the direction of insuring an adequate supply for the future needs of Conneltsville, but the last few months have shown how unable you are to take care of our present population in times of emergency. The people of Conneltsville are not going to stand for a situation of this kind. We'll turn in, and with the aid of Joe August's force, who don't love you any more than we do, we will help you get your plant in shape to supply the people with water. But so far as 'fixing up' the trouble which have brought on yourselves, there's nothing doing."

## SLOVAKS HEAR ADDRESS

Local Attorney Talks Through Interpreter at Monarch.

Through an interpreter, Attorney F. E. Yonkin addressed a large audience of Slovaks Sunday afternoon in the school hall at Monarch. George Georgeoff acted as interpreter.

The meeting was in the interest of food conservation, and was arranged by Superintendent R. V. Ray of the Leaning plant and Store Manager C. W. Beidwer.

Discharged from Hospital.

Jacob Miller of Owensdale, Mrs. Shames Miller of Mount Pleasant, Harry Moore, Edward Ward and Irene Sidesbottom were discharged from the Cottage State hospital Saturday.

## MAPLE SYRUP MAKERS GATHER UP LAST YEAR'S CANS FOR USE AGAIN.

An acute shortage of cans for maple syrup is facing the owners of camps in the region about Conneltsville. So great is the demand that an effort is being made to gather up those in which last year's product was marketed. A Bedford county man who annually sells in Conneltsville was here the other day on a canvass of his customers in an effort to secure cans. The shortage is due to the government having commandeered much of the available supply of tin for tinne products, sent to the American army in France and the allies.

## EDENBORN MAN BESET BY FIVE FOREIGNERS KILLS ONE, WOUNDS TWO

Taxi Operator Makes Use of Iron  
Bar and Revolver to Defeat  
Themself.

Roman Busa, 23 years old, was killed by a revolver shot and two others were wounded when Busa and four companions attacked Ralph Tate, 49 years old, in his garage at Edenborn Sunday evening. Two of the foreigners, Charles Sanko, 31, and his brother, Ignatz, 23, were killed by Tate by the use of an iron bar which he used when first attacked. Tate, who sustained a fracture of the skull and Ignatz a scalp wound. As a last resort, it is said, Tate drew his revolver. Two shots went wild.

Tate conducts a taxicab service and garage. The trouble is said to have started over a dispute about fares. One of the men precipitated a fight by striking Tate over the head with a bottle. He grabbed the iron bar to defend himself. Tate gave himself up but because of his own injuries he was permitted to remain at his home. Three of the foreigners were arrested. The other escaped.

## COSTS MONEY

To Insult the Flag in Conneltsville as  
Allies are Finding Out.

Pro-Germans and enemy allies are probably realizing by now that it costs money to curse the flag or insult the United States in Conneltsville. William Mitchell, a Slav, of Stewart, was arrested Saturday night in a Slav restaurant and was fined \$50 in police court by Mayor John Duggan Sunday morning, charged with burning the flag.

Several witnesses appeared against him and repeated several of the statements that Mitchell had made against the country. It did not take Mayor Duggan long to give him the choice of a 30 day sentence or a \$50 fine.

Steve Coach of Leipsing, No. 1, who was arrested at the same time, was released on payment of a \$5 forfeit, for being drunk and disorderly. Coach was not charged with making any disloyal statements.

The witnesses who appeared against Mitchell were Joseph Depaul, S. W. Brown, Richard Richardson and Joseph Dominick.

## FAYETTE STOOD TWELFTH

In Hunters' Licenses Issued in State  
in Year 1917.

Fayette county stood 12th in the number of hunters' licenses issued in 1917, with a total of 7,260, according to a report issued by the State Game Commission. In the state there were issued 115,475 resident and 588 non-resident licenses, the highest since 1912. Only three non-resident licenses were issued in Fayette county, these being in addition to the resident figure before mentioned.

In Somerset county there were issued 5,777 resident and seven non-resident licenses; in Westmoreland county, 10,501 resident and no non-resident. Allegheny county led the state with 21,246 resident and four non-resident.

## MAPLE SYRUP PRICES

Protested by Consumers of Smith-  
field and Vicinity.

SMITHFIELD, March 4.—The maple syrup makers in this section are talking of \$3 a gallon for their product. This community would seem to need a bit of attention from the food administration. Is the belief of the consumers. If it can fix a price on cane and beet sugar why not on maple sugar and its products?

Owners of sugar trees are busily engaged boiling the sap. They report a good run.

## MARRIED IN OCTOBER

But Dawson Couple Withdrew the News  
Until This Time.

Announcement has been made at Dawson of the marriage last October 28 of Miss Grace Stillwagon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stillwagon of Dawson, and Francis McDermott, former station agent for the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company at that place, but now employed with the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad company at McKeesport.

Mrs. McDermott is at home with her parents temporarily.

Maple Syrup Cans Ugh.

CONNELLSVILLE, March 4.—New maple syrup is on the market here at \$2 a gallon.

## MAJOR E. B. EDIE IS PROMOTED TO LIEUT. COLONEL

Honor Has Come to Less Than  
Dozen of 15,000 Doctors in  
Army Service.

## WILL COMMAND 1,000 MEN

Is Assigned to Sanitary Train No. 306  
at Camp Lee in Which Are Four  
Field Hospitals and Necessary  
Branches; Other Local War News.

Major Elliot B. Edie, who went out from Conneltsville a few months ago as a captain in the Medical Officers' Reserve Corps, has been appointed lieutenant colonel in command of Sanitary Camp Train No. 306 at Camp Lee, according to news received here today.

The unit is composed of 50 officers and 1,000 men and embraces four field hospitals, four ambulance companies, eight camp infirmaries and a division medical supply unit.

Of 15,000 physicians who have enlisted in the army service since the war began only eight or 10 have been honored with the rank of lieutenant colonel, which serves to emphasize the esteem in which Dr. Edie is held in the service.

A number of Western Pennsylvania boys are in the sanitary train which Col. Edie will command.

## SCOTTDAL YOUTH IS IN THE NAVAL SERVICE.

Edward Campbell, son of Mrs. Edward Campbell of Scottdale, enlisted Saturday in Pittsburgh in the navy and was sent at once to Philadelphia where he will be assigned to a training ship.

## ENLISTS IN SIGNAL BRANCH OF SERVICE.

Ralph Condrick of Scottdale enlisted Saturday in Pittsburgh in the signal service. He left Tuesday for a camp in Kentucky.

## WEST SIDE BOY GOES UP AT CAMP STANLEY

Charles C. Murray, Co. C, 9th Field Battalion, Signal Corps, Camp Stanley, Texas, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. Margaret Murray of the West Side, says in part:

"I am feeling fine. We are having fine weather here now. It was sure hot here today (Feb. 25). I was made a non-commissioned officer February 15. I have an Indian in my squad. He is from Wisconsin and he sure is a smart one. We do not know for sure when we will leave here, but I hope it will be soon."

## FRANK FREEMAN IS HOME ON FURLOUGH

Frank Freeman, a member of the 11th Regiment Hospital Corps, stationed at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman of Eighth street, Greenwood.

## SMITHFIELD BOY TRAINS TO OPERATE A TANK.

John Abraham, a Smithfield boy, at Camp Lee is training to be a tank operator. He is training in a letter received by his father, Abraham was home on a furlough and returned but a few days ago. The assignment to this branch was made since his return.

## PATRIOTIC EXERCISES

South Conneltsville Students Are Urged  
to Buy War Stamps.

Exercises of a patriotic nature took place at the South Conneltsville schools Friday morning when John Davis, superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance company, addressed the pupils of the high school, together with Room 8, on the subject of Thrift and War Savings Stamps. Following the address, Mr. Davis submitted a plan for the pupils to follow out in selling the stamps, also mentioning that a service medal would be given to each one disposing of 10 War Savings Stamps, a pennant suitably inscribed to the pupil in each room having the largest amount of individual sales to his or her credit, and a class banner to the room having the largest collected sale.

Professor Beahm, principal of the school, presided, and introduced Miss Mary McConnell, who sang two selections. The address of Mr. Davis followed. Professor Beahm closed the exercises with a few remarks along the line of patriotism, after which Mr. Davis accompanied by School Director DeBolt visited Rooms 7 and 8, addressing the children in each room. The other rooms of the South Conneltsville schools will be visited next week.

## CIRCULATION GAINS

Over 3,000 Volumes in 1917, Carnegie  
Library Report Shows.

The report of Miss Margaret Whitman, librarian, from May 1 to December 31, shows a circulation increase of 2,164 over the same period of 1916. In works of the Carnegie Free Library The following is the report as submitted:

Circulation—Books, 34,655; periodicals, 812; pamphlets and clippings, 27; West Side, 5,235; total, 40,729.

Average daily circulation (books only), 128; average monthly circulation (books only), 4,331; new borrower added, 293; reference room attendance, 1,848; periodical room attendance, 2,494; books added by purchase, 259; books added by gift, 29; books added by binding, 46; total number new books, 324.

## Receives Service Flag.

Miss Eleanor Sauter's class of the Trinity Lutheran Sunday school presented the church with a service flag containing 24 stars, representing the number of young men of the Sunday school who are in military service.

## FURS WORTH \$2,000 STOLEN FROM SAMPLE ROOM AT SMITH HOUSE

Six Fur Coats Included in the Loot  
No Trace Found of the Persons  
Responsible.

The sample room in the rear of the Smith House was robbed of about \$2,000 worth of goods during Friday.

Six fur coats, 10 sets of furs and two scarfs were taken.

Nothing is known of how the thieves entered the room, there being no windows unlocked and no doors unlocked this morning.

Myer Kahn, a New York salesman who is selling the goods, noticed this when he entered the room this morning.

The furs missing included five ladies' coats, two of them mink, worth \$200 and \$300, respectively, and three Hudson seal coats worth from \$150 to \$200 and a man's fur coat.

Officers are at work on the case.

## PRIZE KNITTER

Is Mrs. Alfred Garces, a German Re-  
sident of Star Junction.

When it comes to speed in knitting for the Red Cross the Star Junction district claims to have the champion in the person of Mrs. Alfred Garces. In a communication to The Courier from a member of the unit, a challenge is issued to anybody in the county to exceed some records Mrs. Garces has made. For instance, on Monday she did her washing and usual Monday work and then knitted a sock and was done by 4 o'clock. An easy task for her, the communication says, is knitting a sock from supper to bedtime. Helms and sweaters are completed with equal speed, and the quality is open for inspection at any time. It is stated:

Mrs. Garces was formerly Miss Josephine Guth. She was born in Germany and learned knitting as a trade when a child. Mrs. Garces says, the communication reads, that if the Red Cross will keep her in yarn she would like to show what she can do for the boys in the trenches. The Star Junction unit is working to the limit for the war cause. Nearly \$17,000 in cash has been raised. A packed house is assured for the presentation tonight of the miniature show given last week at Dawson. The entire proceeds will be given to the Red Cross.

## DON'T SEE EACH OTHER

Boys in France May Be Close To-  
gether But Don't  
Know It.

Far from home, in a strange land, among strangers, one grows homesick at times, says Samuel Harry, who is with the Fifteenth Engineers in France in a letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Harry of Conneltsville in which he enjoins them "not to forget to write."

"Just a few lines to let you know that I am well and working hard," he says. "I received a card from Charles Stiles, also one from 'Casey' Jones, but I have not seen them. I do not know what part of the country they are in and am not allowed to tell them where I am, so the only chance I have is writing into them some day. Write often as you can and let me know the news. Our camp is not near that of any of the fellows from home so I get rather lonely at times. It is only when I get The Courier and mail from you that I find out what is going on. We are supposed to get a seven-day leave after we have been here four months. I have been here about six so I suppose I will get one before very long. Give my love to everyone and don't forget to write."

## IS ASPHYXIATED

Well Known Brownsville Man Victim  
of Natural Gas Fumes.

James A. Chalfant, a life-long resident of Fayette county, was asphyxiated Friday morning at his home in South Brownsville. Mr. Chalfant retired early Thursday night, apparently in the best of health. When he did not arise at his usual time yesterday morning Mrs. Chalfant made an investigation and discovered the gas roaring out of the front stove and her husband in an unconscious condition.

Mr. Chalfant was born on a farm near Orient, February 8, 1862. In addition to his widow, one daughter, Miss Helen, at home; two brothers, Newton and Park Chalfant of near Seaford, and two sisters, Mrs. Rebecca Roderick and Mrs. Caroline Pipes of Washington, Pa., survive.

## FIRE TRUCK DAMAGED.

Axe on Truck No. 1 Broken While  
Answering Call in Soda.

Running through a dark section of York avenue Wednesday night in response to an alarm from the Conneltsville Fire Engine Company, near Soda, Fire Truck No. 1 struck a deep rut and the front spring was broken off. The spindle of Truck No. 2, identically the same, was placed on the big truck. The fire at the shops did not cause much damage, only burning a few window frames.

## PLAN FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN.

Methodists Aim to Raise Mortgage by  
June 30.

There will be a joint meeting of the finance committee and teachers and officers of all the organizations in the Methodist Episcopal church on Monday evening at 8 P. M. in the annex. This meeting is called for the purpose of enlisting all these persons in the financial campaign which the church is putting on beginning the first of March and closing with the mortgage burning on June 30.

Smithfield Woman Barred.

SMITHFIELD, March 4.—Mrs. McCall and Miss Ferie Abraham enrolled 50 women here last Thursday for war work.

## ANCIENT CUSTOM IS DISCARDED IN OPENING COURT

Bell No Longer Announces  
Sessions in Fayette's Hall  
of Justice.

## EVERYBODY RISES TO FEET

When Crier Calls for Order; Service  
Flag is Hung Back of Bench Representing  
Members of Bar in Service;  
Lindley Trial Set for March 11.

While Court Crier Charles M. Fee formally opened the March term of court Monday at 10 o'clock in court room No. 1, the judges on the bench, the attorneys within the railing of the bar, and all persons in the court room arose to their feet. The same formality will be observed each morning hereafter when court is opened and each evening when it adjourns.

This is already the practice in the appellate and federal courts and in the common pleas courts of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and in most of the other larger counties and in some of the smaller ones. For nearly a century and a half the sessions of the court have been opened with the ringing of the bell in the courthouse tower, but dating from today the bell will be still. The courts do not open at the same hour and the ringing of the bell has led to confusion. Hence the custom has been abandoned.

A large silk American flag, on Saturday, was draped across the back of the bench behind the judges' chairs in court room No. 1. On the west wall of the same court room there has been placed a beautiful silk service flag, containing 10 stars in honor of the members of the Fayette county bar who have joined the colors of their country. They are Oliver Goldsmith, John P. Kephart and Fred D. Munson of Conneltsville; Paul J. Abraham, Arthur L. Byrne, H. E. Hackney, E. J. McDaniel, John L. Robinson, J. R. Smiley and Jacob H. Sherrard.

George W. Stewart, a carpenter, of Stewart township, was made foreman of the grand jury of the March term of court this morning.

With seven murder cases, and at least 150 less trivial to dispose of at the March term of court, the regular scheduled two weeks has been increased to three with the jurors for the second week remaining over an extra six days. It has been years since the criminal list was so heavy and as a result Judge J. C. Work has been asked to assign Judges J. Q. Van Swearingen and E. H. Reppert.

More than the usual interest centers on the case in which Frank J. Lidy, aged 32, of Pittsburgh and Conneltsville, who is charged with the murder of his former partner in the lumber business, P. A. Burkey. The evidence is largely circumstantial but the commonwealth claims to have woven a chain of evidence around the defendant, which will require some explanation.

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Money Realized by Auction Saturday  
To Be Given to Red Cross.

Sixty dollars for a pig—that was what C. F. Brown of Perryopolis paid for one auctioned off in the public square of that town Saturday. But it was for the Red Cross and therefore the purchaser did not object to the price. Also, it was a blue ribbon winner.

Assistant County Superintendent J. G. Robinson was auctioneer. The bidding started at \$30 and was quite spirited, men joining with the women. The pig was donated by Jacob Hough of Perry township.

## COMPLETES QUILT.

Local Woman Makes Handsome Piece  
For the Red Cross.

Mrs. Harry Jennings has completed and donated to the Red Cross a handsome convalescent quilt, made of red, white and blue mercerized cotton of a beautiful quality.

The main part of the quilt is blue, with a border of red, white and blue. In the center is a large red cross, while in each corner is a star. The lining is red.

## Granted Marriage Licenses.

John Lohseberger of Smithfield and Christina, a Volhoffer of Scottdale; George Miko of Fairbance and Annie Kase of Smithfield, and John Ignot and Teresa Mochnusky of Juniata, were granted marriage licenses in Uniontown.

## The Grim Reaper

JAMES A. COWGILL.

Following a lingering illness, James A. Cowgill, 77 years old, an employee of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company for many years, and a veteran of the Civil War, died Thursday at 3:10 o'clock at the family residence, 15 South Fourth street. Mr. Cowgill's death was not unexpected. He had been in poor health for the past five years and was confined to his room for 15 months previous to his death. He suffered a stroke of paralysis a year ago last October. About three weeks ago he was the victim of a second stroke. Thursday the third one followed, causing his death. Funeral from the residence Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church, of which Mr. Cowgill was a member. Requiem high mass was celebrated at the residence Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church, of which Mr. Cowgill was a member. Requiem high mass was celebrated at the residence Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church, of which Mr. Cowgill was a member. Requiem high mass was celebrated at the residence Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock and at 9 o'clock from the Immaculate Conception church, of which Mr. Cowgill was a member.

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This is already the practice in the appellate and federal courts and in the common pleas courts of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and in most of the other larger counties and in some of the smaller ones. For nearly a century and a half the sessions of the court have been opened with the ringing of the bell in the courthouse tower, but dating from today the bell will be still. The courts do not open at the same hour and the ringing of the bell has led to confusion. Hence the custom has been abandoned.

A large silk American flag, on Saturday, was draped across the back of the bench behind the judges' chairs in court room No. 1. On the west wall of the same court room there has been placed a beautiful silk service flag, containing 10 stars in honor of the members of the Fayette county bar who have joined the colors of their country. They are Oliver Goldsmith, John P. Kephart and Fred D. Munson of Conneltsville; Paul J. Abraham, Arthur L. Byrne, H. E. Hackney, E. J. McDaniel, John L. Robinson, J. R. Smiley and Jacob H. Sherrard.

George W. Stewart, a carpenter, of Stewart township, was made foreman of the grand jury of the March term of court this morning.

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Howard Overholt Markle, 36 years old, a former well known druggist of the West Side, died Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, of heart trouble. Mr. Markle had been in poor health for the past month and on last Friday his father took him to the hospital for medical treatment. The body arrived here Wednesday and was removed by funeral director J. E. Sims to the family residence No. 137 North Sixth street. Mr. Markle was born December 18, 1881, a son of George A. and Emma F. Markle. Virtually all his life was spent in the West Side, where he was known and liked by practically everyone. He was a jovial disposition and won the friendship and esteem of all with whom he came in contact. Deceased was graduated from the old New Haven high school, a member of the class of 1900. Later he entered the College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, graduating from there in 1903. Following his graduation he opened a drug store in the building on Crawford avenue, West Side, where his father now conducts a wall paper store and real estate business. Some time ago he disposed of his drug business and at the time of his death he was associated with the Hart-Markle Coal and Mining company at West Newton. In addition to his parents he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Frank Husband of Pittsburgh.

## CHARLES P. CONNELL

Following a lingering illness Charles P. Connell, 32 years old, one of the best known residents of Dunbar, died Tuesday morning in the Somerset hospital. Mr. Connell suffered a stroke of paralysis about 15 months ago and about six weeks ago he was removed to the Somerset hospital for treatment. Deceased was born at Dunbar November 25, 1885, and resided there all his life. He was the son of Patrick and Julia Connell and was next to the oldest of a family of seven children. In addition to

his parents he is survived by one sister, Miss Anna Connell at home, and the following brothers: Thomas B. of Fairmont; James V. Edward and William at home, and Michael of Morgantown. The body arrived at Dunbar Tuesday and was removed by funeral director J. R. Foltz to the Connell home, from where the funeral will take place Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Requiem high mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock from St. Aloristus Catholic church at Dunbar.

## CAPTAIN J. M. HUSTEAD.

Captain James M. Husted, one of the oldest and most prominent residents of Uniontown, died Wednesday at Clearwater, Fla. Captain Husted was in poor health when he left for the south last fall and this week his condition became serious. Deceased was born near Smithfield, September 18, 1827, and for many years was in business in Uniontown. In 1873 he became manager of a general store at Dunbar furnace, purchasing the business, in 1876 and in 1880 admitted Isaac W. Semans as a partner. Two years prior to this in 1888, the firm of Husted, Semans & company had been formed and a general dry goods business established. Mr. Husted was the owner of extensive farm and coal lands in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

## MRS. CATHERINE WHALEN.

Following a brief illness of paralysis of the heart, Mrs. Catherine Whalen, wife of John Whalen, died Wednesday at her home in Leipsing No. 3. Mrs. Whalen was taken ill very suddenly yesterday. Deceased was born at Adelaide a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boylen. A year and eight months ago she was married to John Whalen. In addition to her husband she is survived by two brothers, John and Hugh Boylen of Adelaide and two sisters, Mrs. D. A. Cunningham of Adelaide and Mrs. Mary Nellis of Dunbar.

## FRANCIS XAVIER GERSHAW.

The funeral of Francis Xavier Gershaw will be held tomorrow morning at 8:30 o'clock from the family residence at Vanderbilt and at 9 o'clock requiem high mass will be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic church. He was born in Breslau, Germany, in 1861 and came to America in 1880. He is survived by three children, Mrs. John Connell of Pittsburgh; Mr. Victor G. Gran of Wellsburg, W. Va.; Miss Annella at home, and five grandchildren.

## MRS. MARGARET MILTZ.

Mrs. Margaret Miltz, a former well known resident of Dawson, died Monday at her home at Star Junction. The body was brought to Dawson Tuesday and removed to the home of the parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. George Dillinger, from where services were held Wednesday afternoon. Deceased is survived by her husband, three children, one an infant three days old, and her parents.

## ROY PLETCHER.

Roy Pletcher, 28 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pletcher, of White, Pa., died Thursday at the home of his brother, Emory Pletcher at Somerset. Interment in Nebo cemetery. Deceased was single and is survived by his parents, two brothers, Ira Pletcher of White, and Emory Pletcher of Somerset. Rheumatism was the cause of his death.

## JOSEPH J. WILLIAM.

A telegram received from Buffalo, N. Y., announces the death of Joseph J. William, 75 years old, a former resident of Conneltsville. Death occurred last night after a brief illness at his Lackawanna, N. Y. home. He is survived by his wife, Arabella William, a son, Christian William, and a daughter, Rosa William.

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## CONNELLSVILLE RED CROSS WORKERS PREFER TO RETAIN THEIR CHAPTER IDENTITY

Decline to Accept Consolidation  
Plan By Vote of  
168 to 30.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Confirms Action By Vote of Six to Four; Many Expressions of Views  
Made at Thursday Night's Meeting; Good Temper and Spirit Are Shown.

By a vote of 168 to 30 by the individual members and a vote of six to four by the executive committee the Conneltsville chapter of the Red Cross has declined to join in the movement to consolidate all the chapters into one under the direction of a county headquarters.

Chairman J. Fred Kurtz expressed himself Friday as being no more dissatisfied with the result of the election. Personally he had favored consolidation, largely because of the knowledge of the needs of the organization, had requested it, as an aid to speeding up the work as well as a means of distributing the burden and placing somewhat heavier responsibility upon the chapters.

"The campaign," said Mr. Kurtz, "will produce some excellent results. The big fact developed by it is that the members of the Conneltsville chapter are intensely interested in the work of the Red Cross and have a most commendable pride in what the chapter has done, both in quantity and quality of work turned out. They recognize that we have a splendid organization that its heads of departments are capable and efficient and that the work is running like a well oiled piece of machinery. The members, therefore, fear that any change will break in upon the well ordered course which the chapter has been following."

The vote taken and the sentiments expressed show that there are well founded objections to making a change out of any feeling that may exist in consequence of the rivalry between Uniontown and Conneltsville, and that after all, was really the least of the reasons impelling members to vote as they did. On the other hand the objections offered constitute very good reasons why there should be a central county organization. One point was brought out at the meeting which I am sure few members, myself among others, had never considered or at least never with that attention its importance deserves. That is, with so many separate chapters, the members are apt to become so absorbed in their work that they overlook altogether the "outlying" communities as sources of help. With a county organization it would be "practicable" to create branches and auxiliaries in these communities and gather many workers together who would be glad of the opportunity to become enrolled as such. This would really increase the Red Cross output of the county, supplies which was really the chief purpose of the movement to enlarge the organization's membership.

With a county organization the weak places could be strengthened, the work stimulated and extended and much larger results be obtained. If the chief objection to consolidation were removed—that of destroying the identity of the chapters—the smooth progress of the Conneltsville chapter I am convinced that the county unit plan would meet with more favor. We now have the best of both worlds. We know what we are doing and we also know that they are not unreasonable."

The balloting by members, which began on Monday, was concluded yesterday. The count of ballots was made at a meeting of the executive committee last evening. After the result was announced expressions of opinion on the proposition and upon the situation, as disclosed by the balloting, were invited from members of the chapter who were present.

These expressions, and the notations made on 20 ballots which had been deposited in the ballot box by members who had not voted either for or against the consolidation, indicated very plainly that the proposed plan was viewed with disfavor by a large majority of the membership although there was manifestation of an earnest desire to do what was considered to be for the best interests of the chapter. After a discussion covering the proposition from every standpoint, and continuing until 10 o'clock, the executive committee took a secret ballot the result of which was recognition of the sentiment expressed by the majority of members who had voted at headquarters.

E. T. Norton, when called upon for his views upon the question, declared himself as prejudiced in favor of the consolidation, his information of the needs of the "national" headquarters having convinced him that it was in every way desirable to simplify the work as much as possible in order that its efficiency might be increased. This can be done best through reducing the number of units with which it is necessary for national headquarters to deal. "Thus, the combination of the four chapters of Fayette county into one would reduce the clerical and shipping records at headquarters from four to one. At present the supplies from the several chapters are sent to headquarters, where they must be opened, inspected and repacked in cases suitable for overseas shipment. With but one unit in the county the supplies would be sent by street car or automobile, in hampers, which could be returned to the local branches and auxiliaries. The supplies would be inspected at the county headquarters in standard cases and forwarded direct to the ocean pier ready for loading on board ship. This would

relieve division and national headquarters of the enormous amount of work now involved in the work of shipping, and at the same time cut down the clerical work necessary in keeping the records of the work done by the several chapters.

Mr. Norton also pointed out that under a centralization of chapters it would be possible for much more work to be done in the county. There are scores of small towns and communities that are doing absolutely nothing in the direction of making supplies. These could be organized into branches or auxiliaries and soon become substantial contributors to the work. "In this respect," said Mr. Norton, "Fayette county is woefully deficient in quantity production of Red Cross supplies in proportion to its population. It is headquarters wants, and to secure it is the object of centralizing the chapters."

As far as being animated by a spirit of community rivalry in this work, Mr. Norton said, "It is high time for us to put it aside. While the Red Cross is strictly non-sectarian and undenominational, its work exemplifies the spirit of Christianity and that should prompt those who engage in it."

To the claim that an amalgamation of the county chapters would remove the stimulus to contributing financial aid to the Red Cross Mr. Norton said: "If we gave to this cause during the last drive more than we would otherwise have given simply to beat Uniontown, we were wrong in our giving and we gave too much. But whether we fall behind our earlier record \$10,000 or more on the next drive, the amount of our deficiency will be but a drop in the bucket among the gifts that will come from 100,000 people in the United States. What we must not lose sight of is the fact that national headquarters expects hospital supplies, knitted garments, and surgical dressings in increasing quantities, and we ought not to set ourselves up as bigger than headquarters when the request is made of us to adopt a plan that will insure larger production of these essentials and promote the efficiency of the whole organization."

F. E. Markell held to the view that if the spirit of rivalry which existed between Uniontown and Conneltsville is removed through a chapter consolidation it will be difficult, if not impossible for Conneltsville to attain its previous record in the matter of giving and will tend very much to lessen the interest in Red Cross work generally. He referred to the successful efforts of Uniontown to have the contributions of Dawson and other remote points included with Uniontown's quota in order to swell the total. This spurred Conneltsville to greater activity to surpass Uniontown. Without the incentive of such a rivalry, Mr. Markell was confident we would fall down badly on our next money-raising campaign.

Mayor Duggan agreed with Mr. Markell, pointing out that the existence of a healthy rivalry between the towns was a good thing for both as it stirred people to action who otherwise could not be stirred. This rivalry, he agreed, had not always taken the form that was conducive to the maintenance of the most friendly relations between the two towns, citing the last football game between Conneltsville and Uniontown high school teams as an instance.

F. W. Wright thought that the members of the Conneltsville chapter were satisfied with conditions as they are, and the vote indicated that they were. It would, probably, not be advisable to make a change. He recognized certain advantages to be derived from having a single chapter in the county, but against that were decided disadvantages, not the least of which would be an interruption of the progress of and interest in the work by the Conneltsville members.

Mrs. J. French Kerr, who just returned from a conference at the state headquarters in Philadelphia, expressed herself as very much in favor of the consolidation. While in Philadelphia she was shown through the warehouses and the work done there explained to her. From the knowledge thus gained she saw the very great necessity of simplifying the work so that headquarters would be relieved and better methods applied to making shipments of supplies direct from points of assembly to ocean pier. Mrs. Kerr reported that the warehouses were almost bare of supplies, indicating that the local chapters must broaden the scope of their activities and enlist more workers so as to increase production.

Dr. Katherine Wakefield, one of the organizers and first president of the local chapter, said that she had never been very much in favor of consolidation, having looked upon the Conneltsville chapter as her "pet", with which she would very much dislike to part.

J. E. Angell saw some advantages in a consolidation plan but in view of the attitude expressed by the members who had cast their ballots and otherwise made known their sentiments he thought that nothing should be done other than to confirm the action taken by the individual members. J. Fred Kurtz, chairman of the Conneltsville chapter, drew attention to the fact that the executive board occupies very much the same relation to the chapter that a board of directors does to the stockholders of a corporation. While he felt that a consolidation was in the best interests of the Red Cross as a national organization, he did not feel that the personal views of himself or any other member of the committee should induce the committee to take action in opposition to the views of the individual members. They had in effect made a recommendation that the identity of Conneltsville's chapter be preserved, hence the committee could do no less than approve that recommendation.

Mrs. W. O. Schoenover, who left early in the evening on account of another engagement, expressed her attitude by voting in favor of the consolidation before withdrawing from the meeting.

Mrs. John L. Gans pointed out that with a single county unit the employment of salaried inspectors and a secretary would be necessary which would shift from national headquarters to the county chapter the expense of this work thereby reducing the funds which can now be applied to the purchase of materials used in making supplies.

W. D. McGinnis favored consolidation as a general proposition. Having learned from the Red Cross representative who had visited Fayette county in the interests of this plan that Uniontown was willing to concede to Conneltsville the chairmanship, or whatever was wanted in the matter of a county organization, Mr. McGinnis confessed to having his suspicions aroused. "That don't sound like Uniontown," he said.

The discussion was marked by a good temper and spirit, every person who participated in it being very much in earnest in their desire to do only what they conscientiously believed to be for the best interest of the chapter and the Red Cross as a whole.

The notations made on the ballots by those who did not vote either for or against the proposition, and also on some of the ballots that favored consolidation, gave an indication of the mind of the members. "Satisfied as we are," in favor of Conneltsville is made the headquarters. "Change would lower efficiency of workers." "Would lose our identity." "In favor of Conneltsville is made shipping point." "Don't know enough about plan to vote." "We never could get along with Uniontown." "In favor of national headquarters pays increased chapter expense." "Get better results as we are." "Members would lose interest." "Uniontown is not a shipping center; has only two branch railroads." "were some of the recorded expressions of sentiment on the proposed change."

Heading the earnest solicitation of Secretary W. Russell Carr, of the Uniontown chapter of the Red Cross, Chairman J. Fred Kurtz of the Conneltsville chapter, led the discussion of the consolidation of the county in a single organization before reporting to Philadelphia headquarters the action of Thursday night when the proposal was voted down.

Conneltsville may have any or all of the county officers, headquarters, warehouses, in fact anything, says Secretary Carr in telegrams to Chairman Kurtz if the members in this city will but agree to go along in the movement for one county organization. In one message, received in the afternoon Friday, he says:

"Before you notify Philadelphia headquarters of the action of your chapter last evening, would it not be possible to ask your executive committee to reconsider the matter, in view of the evident misunderstanding of what the proposed consolidation actually involves. There cannot be any loss of identity or any practical change affecting your work rooms in any way. Conneltsville may have any or all of the officers of the county chapter and any form of county organization which you feel will be acceptable. Might it not be possible, therefore, to have your executive committee approve tentatively the general proposition and then we could arrange details subject to your committee's acceptance, before final action."

This is such a splendid opportunity to look over your shoulder in the greater loyalty we owe to one another and to seal in this formal way our spiritual union of patriotic purpose. Let us be peace-loving of one mind and heart."

Please acquaint your members with this message.

In the evening another message, making additional proposals, was received. It reads:

"We cannot give up hope that we Fayette county can all unite under the Red Cross banner. The moral effect of such a union would be incalculable. There is really nothing to stand in the way, for Uniontown will leave everything to Conneltsville's decision, including offices, headquarters, inspections, warehouses, shipping point, and everything else. There is only one thing you have only to tell us. I very strongly feel that our union will be one of the finest and most inspiring things ever accomplished by the Fayette county people. Chairman Kurtz issued the following statement this morning:

"Mr. Carr's telegrams indicate a fine spirit on Uniontown's part, and a broad-range view of this matter. I will be away until the first of the week, and will defer reporting our decision regarding consolidation to national headquarters until I can again present the matter to our executive committee. With county headquarters, as well as county officials, in and from Conneltsville, most of the important objections presented by our members will be eliminated, and they may wish to reconsider the proposition."

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Carr following the receipt of his telegram he suggested to Mr. Kurtz that two or more representatives be appointed from the Conneltsville, Uniontown, Brownsville, and Point Marion chapters to meet in conference to consider the details of a county organization plan so that there may be a complete understanding upon all matters in relation thereto. Mr. Carr stated that so far as the Uniontown chapter was concerned it was entirely willing that Conneltsville should have practically everything it might desire in the matter of consolidation arrangements.

Commenting upon the attitude assumed by the Uniontown chapter Chairman Kurtz said last evening: "Conneltsville has a magnificent opportunity to forget completely and for all time the jealousy and rivalry that has existed between the two towns and to join wholeheartedly in boosting the vitally necessary work of the Red Cross in Fayette county. If there are any chapters in the county that need to be stimulated to greater activity and larger production, or their work brought up more nearly to the standards of national headquarters, the Conneltsville chapter now has the opportunity to act as a leader while at the same time serving as a leavening in allaying the unpleasantness arising from more or less foolish rivalries. Conneltsville will be put to a test in this matter. If we want to show our community pride, let us show it in the big, broad-gauge way we can meet this situation."

### FORMER CONNELLSVILLE BOY READY TO GO TO FRANCE.



Former Conneltsville boys have found their way into the military service. It is about the same proportion as those who have gone out directly from Conneltsville. Among these is Corporal Ray Leckenby, a member of Company C, 119th Infantry, now at Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga. Corporal Leckenby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Leckenby, former residents of Conneltsville, but now living in Maryland. In a letter to his parents, Corporal Leckenby said:

"Last week our company was very busy. We spent five days on the rifle range and we did some fine shooting. Don't think my company has anything on us. Last night we were digging trenches in which the boys took great delight. We dug them at night so as to get a better idea of what we must do when we get to France."

"Our captain having told the major what our non-com could do we were detailed to instruct the men of other companies in target practice. My men came through fine, having qualified at all ranges. We have quite a reputation in bayonet drill. If you could only see us go through this exercise you would feel very much as I do about it being a big factor in this war. I am working harder every day and am prepared to go to France whenever the call comes."

### CHARLES F. MENTZER SEEKING COMMISSION.

Charles F. Mentzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mentzer of South Prospect street, now in the service of the Quartermasters Department at Fort DuPont, Del., is preparing to qualify as a commissioned officer.

### FORMER DRUG CLERK IN HOSPITAL SERVICE.

F. A. McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McIntyre of Perryopolis, and formerly employed in C. Roy Heisel's drug store, Conneltsville, has enlisted in the base hospital unit of the University of Virginia. He was here this week on his way from Youngstown, Ohio, where he was employed of late, to Charlottesville, Va. The McIntyre family has another son in the service at Camp Sheridan. Sam Brown, watchmaker for A. B. Kurtz, is also in the Virginia University unit.

### BOON TO GO TO FRANCE LUCHESTER BELIEVES.

Private Levi R. Luchter, Jr., of Conneltsville, is now located at Scott Field, Belleville, Ill., taking a course in motor engineering. He expects to leave for France in the near future. He sends best wishes to all his friends.

### NOT ON A JOY PARTY SAYS TONY LIEBERGER.

In a letter written to Foster Critchfield Sergeant Alvin A. (Tony) Lieberger of Co. A, 10th Regiment Forestry Engineers, says that the boys over there are "not on a joy party," and adds that "it is war over here now, not pleasure." Lieberger says he and Harold Port are the first Conneltsville boys to see service so far as he knows.

"I dare not write you any news concerning the war or anything as to where I am or what I am doing" the soldier continues, "but I am pretty safe and happy. Better health than I ever had."

### "MIKE" JURAS IN THE AVIATION SERVICE.

L. H. Juras, who has been connected for some time with the Saison theatre, left Sunday for his home at Pawtucket, R. I., preparatory to reporting for service in the aviation corps at Waco, Texas. Mr. Juras was examined by the local draft board secured a transfer.

### POISON IN FLOUR.

Timely Discovery Saves Youngstown Family From Its Effects. While Mrs. Alexander Johnston of Youngstown, Westmoreland county, was mixing a batch of dough, she noticed a foreign substance in the flour. A small piece of dough was taken to Professor C. C. Lively of the Latrobe high school, and in it he found enough copper chloride to kill an adult.

The flour was purchased in a store in Youngstown, and the proprietor has been notified to make no more sales until an investigation can be made.

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## MEN OF THE TOWNS MUST FURNISH THE FARM LABOR SUPPLY

They Need to Get Behind a Plan to Provide a Force to Raise Crops.

### MANY ARE EXPERIENCED

In Farm Work and Should Apply Their Knowledge and Ability to Help Supply Food, the Most Vital War Need; Should Start Early.

Just for the moment, suppose we strip the farm-labor problem of every patriotic consideration and merely to emphasize a point look at it, individually and as a whole, from an absolutely selfish standpoint, writes Clarence Dufosse of the United States Department of Agriculture.

We know the world need of food, brought about by the war. It is unnecessary to recapitulate that situation. And the farmers are planting and will plant the necessary acreage increases of food crops. But these crops must be cultivated and harvested, and many thousands of farm laborers are required for that work. There is a shortage of farm labor. The factors causing that condition are also understood, cessation for three years of the European immigration which formerly gave us an army of new labor each year, the attraction of thousands of farm workers of higher wages in munitions plants and other war industries, and the response of farm workers to the call of the colors. But, notwithstanding the shortage of farm labor, the nation contains an abundant supply of man power of farm experience and adaptability. It is a question of getting that potential farm labor applied to the farms when and where the need is greatest.

The farm-labor problem is difficult—one of the most difficult of our war agricultural problems—and yet there is a remedy at hand, a measure possible in every section and one that will solve the local problem in most sections. It is simple enough if you will do it. You can solve it, you member of half a dozen boards of directors or president of the civic league or leading spirit in the chamber of commerce. You, who persisted in any new local project until the dream was realized, or organized the movement that cleaned up your city politically or otherwise, or put over a bond issue for city improvements, or headed the Red Cross or Liberty Loan campaign. You are a man who does things. You can do much in solving the farm labor problem. You will do it for patriotic reasons entirely, because you know we can't win the war without food. But also, it is in your individual person latent the desire to do it—for the extent your section doesn't produce its food this year, to just that extent your section may be short of food to eat.

In most American towns, one-fourth of the men have had some farm experience—were raised on farms and have worked more or less on farms. Then they moved to town and engaged in other activities. Every one of these men who is not engaged in a work that contributed to a war winning should arrange to apply his agricultural experience and ability in a way that will help supply a vital war need. In very few communities will the local labor shortage be so extreme as the number of town residents of farm training who can go to work on the farms in that section and save the crops if necessary. And they will do it if their employers—the business men of the town and cities, the hustlers, the live wires, the men who put their shoulders to the wheel in that town and put things over, whether it was building a skyscraper or boosting the baseball team—if these business men will organize to that end.

It may be necessary, as was done in some places last year, to close businesses houses or allow most of the employees to lay off during the harvest rush. That would be a temporary inconvenience to the business man, but he is sure—but it is much better than having the Hun close his establishment—and last it.

Poll your employees now, get your chamber of commerce to take notice, see that all the employers of your city get busy; arrange to give leaves of absence to your employees who have had farm experience, so they may help produce the food needed to insure victory. Get in communication with the county demonstration agent of your county, with the local office of the United States Department of Labor if there is one in your city, or write the United States Department of Agriculture or your state agricultural college or the farm help specialist of the Department of Agriculture in your state.

Just remember that every man of farm experience, not now engaged in war work, can help produce the food that will win the war.

### DESERTER NABBED

Local Man From Camp Lee Wears Citizen Clothes Over Uniform. Wearing citizen clothes over his uniform, Thomas Williams, a deserter from Camp Lee, was arrested Friday afternoon at the home of Charles D. Moore at South Conneltsville. He is now in the lockup.

### ANNUAL ELKS MEETING.

Brunt is Arranged for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 16 and 17. The Elks are arranging for their 11th annual minstrel to be given Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, April 16 and 17 in the Saison theatre. An excellent program will be provided.

If you have coal land for sale advertise it in The Weekly Courier.

## NEW BACK YARD GARDEN BULLETIN READY FOR STUDY BY GARDENERS

Publication Now Ready for Free Distribution by Department of Agriculture, Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—To instruct and guide the city dweller in making his back yard produce vegetable food, the United States Department of Agriculture has made ready for free distribution Farmers' Bulletin 936, "The City and Suburban Vegetable Garden."

The home garden movement of last year resulted, according to estimates by the Secretary of Agriculture, in the planting of from 200 to 300 per cent more gardens than ever before had produced food. Need for more food this year is expected to result in an even greater number of gardens.

The new bulletin is designed to aid the amateur as well as the experienced gardener. Among the topics treated are: Importance of city gardens, types of gardening, cost and value of crops from home gardens, labor and expense required to make home gardens, location and soil, size of the garden, arrangement of the garden, fences and windbreaks, succession of crops, rotation, seed, plants, hot beds, and cold frames, fertilizing the garden, liming, preparing the soil, planting, setting plants, cultivation, irrigation, control of insects and diseases, saving surplus vegetables, directions for growing vegetable crops.

The department also has issued new bulletins dealing particularly with farm gardening in the northern and western states and in the southern states. Another bulletin available for distribution is No. 855, "Control of Diseases and Insect Enemies of the Home Vegetable Garden."

### AGENTS NOT NEEDED

In the Collection of War Risk Insurance; Time for Taking Extended.

One of the most attractive features of the government war risk insurance for soldiers and sailors is the ease with which beneficiaries, or principals, are enabled to collect their claims. There is no red tape in the operation. The United States Treasury Department has notified the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety that no person whatsoever, either official, or unofficial, is authorized to charge any fee for collecting government insurance.

Assistance of lawyers or claim agents is not needed as the government will be ready and willing to do everything possible to facilitate the collection of claims. Many men in the service have neglected to obtain the protection of war-risk insurance. To give them a chance to take low-priced and liberal protection the time limit has been extended until April 12. This will enable dependents or relatives of soldiers and sailors to write urging them to insure. A few dollars paid per month gives service men \$10,000 insurance.

### RED CROSS KITS

Are Carried by Every Soldier Entering the Trenches in France.

Every American woman who has helped to pack a Red Cross comfort kit for our boys "over there" will be interested in a cablegram received at the national headquarters of the Red Cross from Major James H. Perkins, American Red Cross commissioner to Europe, which says: "Every American soldier now entering the trenches carries an American Red Cross comfort kit containing towel, shirt, writing paper, pencil, soap, handkerchiefs, socks, mirror, and tobacco. The number of kits can not be stated but the fact that every soldier has one means that the work done by American women is a big comfort to the soldiers now on the firing line. This fact should be a solace to the American women who have made them as well as to the soldiers. More kits wanted with socks and tobacco."

### TROOPS GO THROUGH.

Are Bound for France, Officer in Command Makes Known.

A troop train of 14 cars passed through Wednesday morning over the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and Western Maryland railroads. There were 700 of Uncle Sam's boys, just enough to fill the 14 cars which composed the train. They were from Camp Custer, Michigan, and were enroute to Camp Greene.

The officer in charge volunteered the information that they would soon be in France looking for old Kaiser Bill.

### HENDERSON-LENNART.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Kathryn Lennart and William M. Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Henderson of Sixth street, McKeesport, solemnized January 2 in Conneltsville. The marriage was kept a secret up until this time. Mr. Henderson and his bride returning to their work as usual. Mrs. Henderson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Lennart of Pennsylvania and has been a stenographer for the Union Switch & Signal company in Swissvale for the past year. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson are well known in Conneltsville and McKeesport.

## DUGGAN DIRECTOR OF WAR SAVINGS IN FAYETTE COUNTY

Connellsville Mayor Accepts Tender of Office Made By State Director Burke.

Mayor John Duggan has accepted the appointment of James F. Burke, state director of the National War Savings committee, as chairman of the municipal council of the Fayette County War Savings committee. The remainder of the council is to be made up of leading officials of the various municipalities of the county who will be appointed upon the nomination and recommendation of Chairman Duggan, who will also determine the size of the council.

Through the municipal council it is hoped that every community in Fayette county will be awakened and the rubs about the war and the means necessary to win it brought home. There are at present being appointed in Fayette county 675 agents to sell War Savings Stamps, and in such centers as Conneltsville and Uniontown the stamps will be placed on sale in every store and public place.

Mayor Duggan is highly complimented by the letter which, in part, reads: "You have been selected because you can always be depended on to respond to every patriotic call. There is hardly anything of equal importance with this War Savings campaign. We want you to join us so that the whole of Fayette county will carefully and effectively organized in our municipalities. I am sure that your work will be a great satisfaction to you as well as a very effective aid in this important campaign."

The letter of notification is signed by W. Russell Carr, vice chairman. The letter from Mr. Carr was followed by a communication from James F. Burke, urging Mayor Duggan to accept the nomination as chairman. Mr. Duggan accepted the nomination yesterday after discussing the matter with Vice-Chairman Carr in Uniontown. He will begin immediately on laying plans for conducting the campaign in this county.

### TRUSTEES REORGANIZE

Dr. J. C. McClenathan Against Heads Carnegie Library Board.

Officers were re-elected and committee to serve during the ensuing year were appointed at the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Free Library held Friday evening at the library. In the absence of Dr. J. C. McClenathan, who is ill, Rockwell Marietta, vice president, presided.

The election resulted as follows: President, Dr. J. C. McClenathan; vice president, Rockwell Marietta; secretary, L. Melvin Grey; treasurer, L. F. Ruth. The following committees were appointed: Executive, Rockwell Marietta, Edmund Dunn, and A. W. Hart; auditing, L. Melvin Grey, R. W. Hoover and C. Roy Heisel; building and ground, L. Melvin Grey, Edmund Dunn and B. L. Berg; library, L. F. Ruth, R. K. Long and Dr. J. L. Cochran. The members present were as follows: Rockwell Marietta, L. Melvin Grey, L. F. Ruth, Edmund Dunn, Dr. J. L. Cochran, A. W. Hart, the latter representing the school board. R. W. Hoover and B. L. Berg representing the city council.

"Feeling Fine As a Fiddle." Walter Porter of The Courier job rooms has received a letter from Harry Siger, now at the Union Printers' Home, Colorado Springs, Col., conveying the cheerful news that he is "feeling fine as a fiddle." He has gained 25 pounds since arriving at the home and hopes soon to be back in the coke country.

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## LACKING SUPPORT OF HIS COMPANY IN WATER CRISIS SUPT. HALSTEAD RESIGNS

Retiring Official Confronted With Situation Such as Never Before Existed.

### MAYOR DUGGAN AROUSED

Failure to Take Adequate Steps to Insure Supply is Declared to Be an Outrage; New Superintendent Will Take Charge of Plant Tomorrow.

Discouraged by lack of assistance and cooperation on the part of the general officers of the Connelville Water company, it is said, Superintendent A. E. Halstead, of the local plant, and veterans in the service of the water corporation, has quit the job. His resignation, however, effective today, he quits the service of the company entirely and has not announced any plans for the future. Tomorrow he will be succeeded by W. J. Edmunds, formerly located at New Castle. Whether the transfer is temporary or permanent is not known.

Superintendent Halstead would not make public any reason for his resignation. It has been said, however, that he was thoroughly discouraged over being handicapped, as Mayor Duggan put it, by the "inequitable policy" of the water company in the matter of the repairs and improvements to the water system during the worst winter in a half century.

Superintendent Halstead has been confronted with a situation in Connelville this winter that the water company has never before faced. Mains have frozen in the hill district in innumerable places, and after much work in thawing them out it developed that they had split. In addition, the 16-inch main feeding the West Side broke recently cutting off the city supply for almost 26 hours. Mr. Halstead, without practically any assistance from the water company, has struggled to remedy the situation as best he could. The only aid given him was by Superintendent Angle of the Fayette County Gas company who spared all the labor possible.

Mayor John Duggan in speaking of the failure of the water company to aid Mr. Halstead in the matter, this morning said: "I think it is an outrage. Mr. Halstead was too good a man for the water company to put in Connelville. He has been doing everything possible to remedy conditions and then the water company 'calls' him for his efforts. The idea of trying to handle conditions here with two men." Mayor Duggan said he was going to find out if there was not a way the water company could be forced to put more men on the job. "Just look at the water running down our main streets," he said. "It should happen to freeze, the streets would be impassable."

When asked this morning the reason for his resignation Mr. Halstead said he wished to engage himself elsewhere. He said he handed in his resignation last week, to take effect the last of the month. Before coming to Connelville, Mr. Halstead was employed at Racine, Wis., and before taking charge there, was superintendent of the water works at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has been in Connelville since October, 1916.

Superintendent Halstead has been held in high esteem here ever since he took charge of the plant. He has rounded out 21 years with the water company.

### SKILLED-FARM LABOR

Placed in Deferred Class by Order of Provost Marshal General.

A ruling has just been made by the provost marshal general on the request of the Secretary of Agriculture that skilled farm laborers will be given deferred classification in order that the farm labor in the country this year will not be cut down. Farmers are assured that they will be able to retain their labor and are requested to go ahead with their planting.

The deferred classification will be granted not only to men who are graduates of an agricultural school, or who have a scientific or highly technical knowledge of agriculture, but to the farm laborer. The definition of a skilled farm hand now includes the laborer that is skilled in work about the farm. A communication received here by the Committee on Public Safety says it seems settled that the next draft will not take effect until May or June.

### IN HONOR POSITION

Local Boys Lead Infantry in Big Parade at Camp Hancock.

Company D, and the hospital corps held a place of honor in a parade at Camp Hancock on Washington's birthday, in which 35,000 troops participated. The company and the hospital corps led all the infantrymen, being in the directly back of the officers of the regiment.

The parade was 11 miles in length and it required three hours and 32 minutes for the parade to pass a given point.

### CHAPTER IS THANKED

Supplies Sent by Red Cross to Headquarters Are Excellent.

The Connelville Red Cross chapter is in receipt of a letter from Mrs. James C. Newlin, superintendent of hospital supplies thanking the chapter for the last shipment of hospital supplies to the division warehouse. The supplies have been reported "excellent."

This means that work, inspection, folding and packings are all satisfactory.

## ERNEST VAN SANT, WOUNDED, LANDS IN FRENCH HOSPITAL

Is First Connelville Boy to Suffer in Service on French Front.

### DETAILS ARE NOT GIVEN

In Letter Received by Relatives Here Saying He is About Ready to Return Again to the Lines; News of Boys of the Region in the Service.

The first Connelville soldier to suffer injuries while on duty somewhere in France is Ernest Van Sant, son of Mrs. Rutherford Beighley of McCormick avenue.

In a letter written by young Van Sant to a friend here, he stated that he was in a French hospital for treatment of wounds, and while he had no Red Cross nurse to care for him a man attired in an olive drab uniform was nursing him.

The letter did not state how the young soldier was injured or how serious his wounds were. It was written February 6, and at that time young Van Sant expected to be able to leave the hospital in a short time, having about recovered from his injuries. He stated that he was anxious to get back on the battle front as being ill gave him too much time for reflection.

Van Sant was with the Fifteenth Engineers and left Oakmont, Pa., for "over there" July 2, last. He enlisted in the service May 30, last. Van Sant is one of the best known young men of Connelville.

The official reports given out in Washington have not contained the name of Van Sant as wounded. His mother, who also received a card, believes he may have suffered from shell shock.

The news bears out that published in a letter from Lieutenant B. C. Jones saying the Fifteenth Engineers regiment was well up to the front.

### SAM BROWN, WATCHMAKER, ENLISTS IN HOSPITAL UNIT

Samuel Brown, watchmaker and engraver for A. B. Kuriz, the West Crawford avenue jeweler, enlisted in a hospital unit Wednesday last for Charlottesville, Va., where he was ordered.

### MARTIN MCINTYRE IS REJECTED AT CAMP LEE

Martin McIntyre of Leisenering No. 1, a draftsman who left Saturday night for Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., has been rejected on account of physical disability.

### LOCAL BOY ENLISTS IN COAST DEFENSE

John T. Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kennedy of Trump avenue, enlisted in the coast artillery in Uniontown yesterday.

### SMALL MAY BE ON WAY TO FRANCE

J. E. Small, who is with the mechanical department of the aviation service, has been ordered from San Antonio, Texas to New York. Young Small is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Small of Ogden street.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Surprise Party Given at Ohlhoppe, for Mrs. Cyrus Show.

Mrs. Cyrus Show was entertained at her Ohlhoppe home Wednesday for a birthday surprise party held on her by friends in honor of her 52nd birthday. A very pleasant evening was spent. Miss Eliza Show and Master Kenneth Show entertained the guests with music. Refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mrs. L. D. Johnson, Mrs. Robert Holt and daughter, Jean, Mrs. Charles Cunningham, Mrs. John Stewart and children, Margaret and James, Mrs. W. C. Corristan, Mrs. J. A. Stark, Mrs. George Hersberger and daughter, Mildred, Mrs. T. J. Lutz, Mrs. Charles Holt, Mrs. Joe Tissue, Mrs. George Skansen, Mrs. M. H. Hochstetler, Mrs. Bert Wolfe, Mrs. William Rafferty, Mrs. D. J. Potter, Mrs. T. M. Mitchell, Mrs. J. H. Palmer, Mrs. L. F. Woodmaney, Mrs. Mary Cunningham, Mrs. Judson Wolfe, Mrs. L. O. Welsh, Mrs. I. W. Show, Mrs. Alice Holt, and Miss Berntha Taylor.

### OVERWORK FATAL

Scottish Engineer Collapses and Dies at Pittsburgh Hospital.

James L. Hazen, 30 years old, of the firm of Miller, Hazen, McIntosh & Carlisle, mechanical engineers with headquarters at Scottdale, died Thursday at St. Francis hospital, Pittsburgh from an affection of the heart due to overwork.

Hazen collapsed last Friday on the completion of a plan at which he had been engaged. He was taken up to the hospital Monday. He was a son of the late James W. Hazen. His mother, a sister, Lillian, and a brother, Eugene, live near Uniontown.

### MEYERSDALE, MARCH 2.—A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Meyers in Summit township on Wednesday evening, February 27, when their daughter, Miss Orpha, became the bride of Samuel J. Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Meyers of Meyersdale.

Rev. E. D. Burnworth performed the ceremony at 6:30 o'clock in the presence of only the immediate relatives and friends of the contracting parties. Miss Ada Pike presided at the piano. After congratulations a sumptuous dinner was served. The happy couple left on a honeymoon trip to New York, Philadelphia and Washington, and on their return they will take up farm life in Summit township.

## STUDENTS OF DUNBAR SCHOOLS HAVE NAMES ON THE HONOR ROLL

Report for the Fifth Month Shows Many of Them Were Perfect in Attendance.

The following is the perfect attendance record of the schools of Dunbar borough for the fifth month: First and Second grades, Ada Carroll, teacher; James Malloy, Raymond Provance, James Seaton, William Gilpin, Robert Wilson, Americus George, Fred Grass, Mildred White and Lena DeMott.

Third grade, Elizabeth Ferren, teacher; William Herd, John Rose, John Phillips, James Greenwood, Elmer Anderson, Viola DeMott, Nellie Stutter, Emma Joe Stevenson, Allen McGrunder and Laura Seaton.

Fourth grade, Daisy Trombley, teacher; Inez Provance, Carolyn Meyer, Joe Tuse and William Grass. Fifth grade, Lena Dearth, teacher; Kathryn Eason, Dorothea Driscoll, Emma Corrigan, Carrie Nemon, Lena George, Bertha Greaves, Myrtle Robbins, Edward Greaves, James Scott, Adrian Meyer and Henry Raupach.

Sixth grade, Alma Tennant, teacher; Albert Bufano, Eugene Crawford, Earl Miller, Walter McManis, John Misko, Earl Moore, Omar Morrison, Gustave Raupach, Beth Robbins, Cecil Stutter, William Stutter, Paul Willham, Edna Mason, Virginia Foltz, Gertrude Gilmore, Jennie Menno, Carrie Provance, Elva Rodkey, Olga Morrison, Madeline Warner and Harriet Black.

Seventh grade, Pearl Elcher, teacher; William Baker, Cerny Jones, Hayward Stutter, Eleanor Rodkey, Mary Grace, Adele Scott, Nellie Gilmore, Grace Frost, Elsie Forman and Grace Grass.

Eighth grade, Lulu Shaw, teacher; Ethel Wilhelm, Albert Iszo, Lloyd Baker, William Duncan, Frank McFarland, Francis Wilhelm, James Costabile, John Dinnaway and Ralph Mosby.

High school, Elita Baker and S. L. Hanawalt, teachers; John Graziano, Stuart Speer, Max Lizza, Paul Speer, David McFarland, Clarence Gibson, Maude Hay, Hazel Provance, Virginia Ellenberger, Evelyn Young, Sara Jacobs, Margaret Alwood and Sara Speight.

### GAIN 165 MEMBERS

Knights of Macabees Hold Class Initiation and Oyster Supper.

At a class initiation of Young Tent, Knights of the Macabees, 66 new members were initiated on the closing night of the nation-wide membership campaign. The total of new members secured was 165.

In the contest between the Blue and Red teams, the Reds won, having 96 new members to 70 secured by the Blues. The degrees were put on by the junior degree team for the first time. A pig roast offered to the lodge by William Sullivan if 150 new members were secured in the campaign will be served soon.

### NOT A SUBSTITUTE

Potatoes Cannot Be Purchased With Wheat Flour, Is Ruling.

County Food Administrator Charles Davidson today requested to be announced that potatoes could not be purchased as wheat flour substitutes. Several merchants have called Mr. Davidson to learn whether potatoes could be sold as wheat flour substitutes, commodity having picked up the report that the administration was permitting it.

While potatoes are not allowed to be sold as a wheat substitute, it is reported that in West Virginia they are being used for that purpose.

### BOUND FOR FRANCE

Quay Herwick, Local Aviator, at Eastern Port Awaiting Transportation.

Quay Herwick, who has been in training at Wilbur Wright Field at Dayton, O., has been transferred to the 172nd Aero Squadron and is at an Eastern port awaiting orders to leave for "over there," according to a letter written by young Herwick to his mother, Mrs. David Herwick.

The news comes as a great surprise to the many friends of Herwick as he only enlisted the latter part of December.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. S. W. Brynars Heads Vanderhill Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church of Vanderhill held a business meeting at the home of Mrs. G. B. Roberts on Wednesday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. S. W. Brynars; vice president, Mrs. J. B. Henderson and Mrs. J. T. Beatty; secretary, Mrs. A. E. Roberts; treasurer, Mrs. W. G. Congrove. The treasurer's report was read, showing the sum of \$50.10 was realized from the magazine campaign, which the ladies conducted this winter. Several new members were taken in.

### A PLAN TO SAVE MONEY

The U. S. Government Joins in Helping People to Save Money.

War Stamps and Savings Certificates will help you to save money. The Citizens National Bank of 138 North Pittsburgh Street has the Government Stamps and Savings Certificates on hand. Call at this bank and secure your share of war stamps. It is estimated that the average person will buy twenty dollars worth during 1918. This is the time to do your bit. This bank is under United States Government Supervision and is a Member of the Federal Reserve Bank, Fiscal Agent of the Government.

### DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVE

MOUNT PLEASANT, March 1.—The name of Mrs. S. C. Stevenson has been suggested as local representative for

## MAYOR ORDERS PROMPT REPAIR OF WATER LINES

City Will Hold Company Responsible for Damages, He Serves Notice.

### STREETS BEING RUINED

By Continuous Flow From Broken Mains, Executive Points Out in Formal Statement to Superintendent; Petitions to be Circulated at Once.

Notice has been served on the Connelville Water company by Mayor John Duggan calling for the immediate repair of broken mains in the city to stop the flow of water which "is ruining the streets of the City of Connelville and has heretofore done great damage to such streets." The notice has been served by Chief of Police W. B. Bowers.

Water from broken mains is running over the streets in different parts of the city which would make the thoroughfares impassable if the weather becomes colder and a freeze resulted.

part of Fairview avenue is occupying the attention of the water company today. The water has been flowing under the bricks and has undermined many on the north side of the street.

The water situation here is now being handled by W. J. Edmunds, who has been named superintendent of the local plant to succeed A. E. Halstead whose resignation took effect yesterday. The new superintendent, it was formerly located at New Castle. The notice served on the water company follows:

"To Connelville Water Company." "You are hereby notified that by reason of bursting pipes constituting part of your water system, and the continuous flow of water therefrom, is ruining the streets of the City of Connelville, and has heretofore done great damage to such streets.

"You are hereby notified and required to forthwith repair the said burst pipes and mains, and stop the flow of the escaping water.

"You are further notified that the City will hold you responsible in damages for all injuries done to the streets by reason of the premises, as well as resulting from improper excavations made in the streets, and the replacements thereof.

"You are further notified that the City will hold you responsible to further indemnify it for and on account of suits and actions that may be brought against it arising from injury to either persons or property on account of the matters herein mentioned.

Petitions which will be circulated throughout the city are being drawn up by Assistant City Solicitor J. Kirk Renner. They will then be sent to the Public Service Commission to show that the citizens of Connelville are back of council in the recent petition that was filed with the commission against the water company.

The petitions read: "To the Honorable Public Service Commission of Pennsylvania: "The undersigned, all of whom are residents and property owners of the City of Connelville respectfully represent:

"1. That they are familiar with the contents of the petition recently filed with your Honorable Commission by the City of Connelville against the Connelville Water company, a corporation.

"2. That they hereby affirm the truth of the statements set forth in the said petition and respectfully beg leave to join in the prayer thereof.

The petitions have not yet been placed in circulation but they will be put out as soon as a number of them are drawn up.

### FEBRUARY WARM

Figures Show That Month is 1915 Was Warmer Than in 1917.

Figures computed by C. A. Purbaugh of the West Penn company show that the month of February, 1918, was several degrees warmer than the same month in 1917. The difference in the mean figures is 2.7 degrees. The mean for 1918 is 36.8 and that for 1917 is 34.1.

The average temperature for February this year were maximum, 48.4; minimum, 26.3; and mean, 36.8, as compared with the following figures for 1917: Maximum, 45.2; minimum, 23.1; mean, 34.1.

The highest temperature reported during the past month was 69 on the 13th with the lowest recorded as 8 below on the 6th. Last year the highest was 70 on the 27th and the lowest 2 below on both the 6th and 13th.

### GOVERNOR URGES SAVING

Brumbaugh Proclamation Calls Upon People to Be Patriotic.

HARRISBURG, March 1.—Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh yesterday issued a proclamation calling upon the people of Pennsylvania to conserve food as a patriotic duty. The governor says: "We are even yet prodigally wasteful and consume vastly more food than is necessary to nourish our bodies."

He urges everybody to save provisions of all kinds and asks the newspapers to publish articles as to what constitutes a reasonable diet and physicians to advise people as to rational rationing.

"Let it never be said," he concludes, "that any one in Pennsylvania has by prodigality given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Republic."

### STEWART TOWNSHIP SOLD

Martha Gorsuch has sold 17 acres of land in Stewart township to William Johnson for \$500 according to a deed filed in Uniontown.

## PERRYOPOLIS BROTHERS IN MARINE SERVICE IN FRANCE WRITE SOME EXPERIENCES

A letter from Harry Weisnet, of Perryopolis to his sister of that place carries the information that he has been promoted to a corporal in the Seventh company of the Fifth Regiment of Marines with the American expeditionary forces in France. In part the letter, dated January 16, reads:

"We are having bad weather. We had been having snow for two weeks. Yesterday it rained and covered the ground with ice. I sallied forth with my hob-nails and was like to have broken my neck. Suffice it to say I returned and took them off. We had a few days of good skating about a week back. I borrowed a pair of skates. I couldn't buy any. Their cost about 35 francs (a franc is 23 cents) and went out skating and of course I had to distinguish myself by falling into a

pile of slush in front of a large crowd."

A short note from Dewey Weisnet, brother of Harry, to his mother says in part:

"I haven't been what you would call homesick yet, although I think when I get home they will have a hard time to get me out of ye old town limits. I had snapshots taken the other day and when the fellow gets them finished I will send you some. I would buy a Kodak but you have to pay \$11.50 for the kind that costs \$6 in the States. You needn't spend my any tobacco for I am in a place where I can get all I want at four cents a pack. We were in one place where I had to give five francs for four packages, which is about 25 cents apiece."

Dewey is a member of the same organization as Harry.

### PERRYOPOLIS GIRL IS BRIDE OF U. S. SOLDIER IN FRANCE

Wedding Was Event of Last June But Fact Is Concealed Until This Time.

Mr. and Mrs. James Carson of Perryopolis have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Elsie to Harry R. Crawford of Switzville, which took place June 16, 1917 at New Cumberland, W. Va., the Rev. R. G. Shaffer officiating.

The bridegroom is now in France with Base Hospital Corps No. 27. He was graduated last June from the department of pharmacy of the University of Pittsburgh. He formerly resided at Perryopolis. Mrs. Crawford will remain with her parents until her husband returns.

### WILL SELL STAMPS

Scouts Are Being Held Up in Work By Non-Arrival of Red Postcards.

The Boy Scouts have not yet commenced their war savings stamp sale on account of the failure of the red postcard to arrive. The boys are preparing to make an immediate start once the cards are here, and some have even begun to solicit so that they will have sales ready for them when the drive begins.

A scout makes a canvass in his district and succeeds in getting subscribers to take the stamps. The boy places his order for the stamps to be delivered, either daily, every other day or weekly, just as desired. The stamps are delivered by a city mail carrier, who collects for them. After the scout secures a buyer he sends in a red postcard to the postmaster, bearing the name and address of the subscriber, and signed by the scout. After a scout has sold a certain number of stamps he is awarded a medal by the government.

### SHERICK RESIGNS

Steward of County Home Quits Month Early for Another Position.

Although his term does not expire until April 1 Dick Sherick retired today as steward of the Fayette county home in order to take charge of a coal works near Connelville. T. Springer Todd, the recently appointed steward, is in charge.

Retiring with Mr. Sherick is William Liston of Dunbar, assistant steward. Hugh Lyle of Vanderhill was named to succeed him. Charles L. Davidson became legal advisor of the poor board, succeeding George B. Jeffries.

### DIES AT CAMP GREENE

Rockwood Youth's Is First Death Reported From This Region.

August A. Engbert, 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Engbert of New Baltimore, died at Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C., January 26. So far as is known Private Engbert is the first soldier from this section to die in camp. He left Rockwood with the first contingent from Somerset district No. 1, last September for Camp Lee and was afterwards transferred to Camp Greene. His death was caused by spinal meningitis. The body was interred at New Baltimore.

### ASKS \$10,000 DAMAGES

Parents Seek to Recover From Scottsdale Company for Death of Child.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hajos of North Scottsdale, East Huntingdon township, have brought suit against the Scottsdale Ice company for \$10,000. The suit is to recover damages for the death of their two-year-old daughter who fell in the run where the hot water from the ice plant emptied.

The child, it is alleged, died from the results of scalds received when she fell into the water. The accident occurred August 22, 1917.

### LENN TAKEN BACK

Officer After Deserter Arrives From Camp Sherman.

Charles Lenn, of Leisenering, arrested by Constable McLaughlin as a deserter has been taken back to Camp Sherman, Ohio, where he is in training with the 33rd Light Field Artillery, Battery B. The officer from the camp arrived here last night and left with the prisoner early this morning.

Lenn said that although he took a "French leave" from the camp he did not intend to desert. He was still in uniform when arrested.

### LAWYER IS PRINCIPAL

Member of Smithfield School Board Acting Temporarily.

E. Dale Field, lawyer and member of the Smithfield school board, is acting principal of the schools of that place since the resignation of E. A. Areford, who is now in the military service.

### FAREWELL FOR PASTOR

People of Perryopolis Bid Goodspeed to Rev. and Mrs. Huffer.

A farewell reception of Rev. C. G. Huffer, retiring pastor of the Christian church of Perryopolis, and Mrs. Huffer was tendered them Wednesday evening by the many friends of the community, over 100 being present, in behalf of the congregation B. S. Luce presented them with a library table and gas lamp.

Rev. and Mrs. Huffer will go to Charleroi to which place the pastor has accepted a call.

### TO CAMP LEE

John Durbin of Dawson and William Durbin of Dickerson Run have gone to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., to visit the father of John, Clarence Durbin.

## THE 20TH DISTRICT GAINS 203,012 TONS IN OUTPUT IN 1917

Not Including 189,655 Tons  
Produced at the Test-  
Track Mines.

### OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING

Is Inspector Cunningham's View, Ex-  
cept as Labor and Car Supply May  
Affect the Situation; the "Chance  
Taker" Still Contributes to the List.

The annual report of Fletcher W. Cunningham, inspector of the 20th bituminous inspection district, shows that during 1917 the production of coal was 4,791,112 tons, or 203,012 tons greater than in 1916. The district includes all of Somerset county, excepting the mines between Rockwood and Garrett, and along the Berks Branch railroad, which are in the 23rd district, and the mines north of Holbrook and in the Windber region, which are included in the 24th district.

The number of inside employees was increased from 4,044 in 1916, to 5,229 in 1917, a gain of 1,185, while the number of outside employees increased from 680 to 1,038, a gain of 358.

Thirty-seven new mines were opened in 1917, an increase of 41 over 1916.

Team-track mines operated in Inspector Cunningham's district produced 189,655 tons in 1917, and gave employment to 781 inside and outside men. This tonnage is not included in the following table of the production in net tons by the operating companies of the district:

Constitutional Coal Co.	1,238,542
Quemahoning Coal Co.	828,296
United Coal Corp.	584,123
Merchants Coal Co.	295,458
Park Smokeless Coal Co.	138,022
Starliner Quenahoning Coal Co.	122,631
Quemahoning Coal Co.	101,276
Baker Whiskey Coal Co.	100,197
Mayfield Fuel Co.	94,151
Atlantic Big Vein Co.	91,027
Somerset Mining Co.	85,428
Hillworth Coal Co.	75,427
Kalshorbrook S. Coal Co.	74,425
C. J. Rogers & Bros.	72,425
Whitely Coal Mining Co.	68,425
Reading Iron Co.	63,771
Madison Coal Co.	63,448
Greasy Run Coal Co.	61,448
Atlantic Coal Co.	51,228
Emmanuel Steiner	50,000
Meyersdale Mining Co.	47,218
Franklin Coal Co.	45,602
Schell Coal Co.	43,770
S. M. Hamilton & Co.	40,226
Treloar Smokeless Coal Co.	36,424
Hillerton Coal Co.	35,771
Mountain Smokeless Coal Co.	35,221
Soylent Coal Co.	32,221
Nemadown Coal Co.	32,448
Rich Hill Coal Co.	32,110
Winwood Coal Co.	30,596
Listonburg Coal Co.	30,000
Standard Coal Co.	19,772
Pleasant Hill Coal Co.	19,557
Milford Coal Co.	18,087
Allen Coal Co.	17,800
J. Blair Kennedy	16,723
Coal Co.	16,000
C. L. Davis & Co.	15,400
Conasa Creek Coal Co.	15,400
Shawnee Coal Co.	15,400
C. E. Brown & Co.	14,000
Charles B. McMillan	14,401
R. I. Pyramiden Coal Co.	13,120
Forger A. H. Coal Co.	12,120
Harding Coal Co.	12,000
Romberg & Womack	12,210
Markham Coal Co.	12,120
Neel Smokeless Coal Co.	10,910
Iver Thomas Coal Co.	10,000
Continental Coal Co.	9,774
Wolf Coal Mining Co.	9,312
Meyersdale Smokeless Coal Co.	8,250
Schell Coal Co.	7,111
Somerset & Chambers Coal Co.	6,500
Park Coal Co.	5,002
Somerset Coal Mining Co.	5,000
Forrestal Branch Coal Co.	4,771
O'Dwyer & Chambers Coal Co.	4,500
Hay Feed Coal Co.	4,240
N. A. Monahan	4,282
Lebanon Coal Co.	4,000
Berkley Coal Co.	3,900
Little Coal Co.	3,788
Casselman River Coal Co.	3,114
Craig Stone Coal Co.	3,100
Harrier Quenahoning Coal Co.	2,881
Heiler Coal Co.	2,500
Adas Holding Coal Co.	1,000
Total	4,791,112

Commenting upon the record of the year Inspector Cunningham makes these observations:

"Looking at the above figures from one angle it would appear that the boys have gone back to the mines, which is true to a certain extent, that is, new workmen have gone into the coal mines from former occupations, such as farmers, barbers, photographers, chauffeurs and many other trades where the financial returns are much below the wages for mining. On the other hand the number of workmen in the mines has been reduced by many of our brave boys being called to the front in defense of our country, and their places must be filled by other and probably less efficient men."

"The unquestionable cause of the small increase in production is due to failure of the railroads to provide a sufficient car supply to take care of the output of the mines, which, in this district, should have been a million and a half tons greater than was shipped to market."

"The outlook for the future is encouraging. In view of the increased number of operations, for many more new mines are planned to be opened in 1918. However, I believe the labor supply will be a serious question, especially if a sufficient supply of railroad cars is furnished to efficiently handle the output of the mines; but I may say, in the last year the labor supply compared favorably with the output from the mines, and, considering the car supply was greater than necessary. Very few of the operations started during the year are being developed on a large scale, while the greater number will not be operated when the market is tight on account of inferior grades of coal mined in many of them and the extra expense incurred in effectually preparing the product for the market."

"There was a reduction of one full accident from the number of the previous year, when there were 11 in the district. The cause of six of these fatalities can be traced to the ever present disposition of 'taking a chance.' Such men are always hard to control. While we can require certain precautions to be taken and inflict punishment when our require-

ments are not complied with, the 'chance taker' is usually on the lookout for officials, that he may not be detected in the act he contemplates. "However, if he is not successful the mine official usually finds out that he took a chance and finds it necessary to send the stretcher gang after him. We know that he took the chance because he is intelligent and understands the proper way to perform his work, but sometimes it is necessary to spend a few minutes more to do the work safely, though he seems to think it is more necessary for him to save time than safeguard his own life."

### A LIMIT TO BE FIXED UPON THE AMOUNT OF COAL TO BE DELIVERED

Rationalizing Consumer Part of Fuel Administration's Plan for the Retail Distribution After April 1.

Regulations governing the retail distribution of coal for the coal year beginning April 1, 1918, are under consideration by the Fuel Administration. The fuel administration, in order to avert a recurrence of the coal shortage conditions of the past winter, announces that it proposes to put into effect a definite plan for the proper and equitable distribution of coal to domestic consumers throughout the country, in so far as possible, the regulations will be made flexible in order to enable local fuel administration officials to accommodate the general rates to their local conditions.

Fuel administration officials at work on the retail distribution plan are considering an arbitrary limit on the amount of coal that may be delivered to domestic consumers. It has been proposed to limit this limitation upon the amount of coal that may be delivered to domestic consumers during the coal year of 1917.

It is probable that local officials will be given the authority to require consumers purchasing coal to submit an affidavit stating, setting forth the amount of coal the consumer has on hand, amount he has ordered from dealers, total amount used during the year 1917 and the amount necessary to meet his requirements during the coal year of 1918. It is expected that the retail distribution plan will be definitely decided upon early next week in order that it may be made effective on April 1.

A general warning has been issued by the Fuel Administration to coal producers that where they are selling their output under contracts made prior to the fixing of coal prices by President Wilson, they will not be permitted to charge the 45 cents additional given to operators to meet increased wage costs.

### WOULD BAR ALIENS

From Citizenship and Deport Those Who Claim Exemption From Draft.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The so-called alien slacker bill, to bar from citizenship and authorize the deportation of aliens of draft age who claim exemption from military service, and authorizing the drafting of any aliens for agricultural or manufacturing work, was passed by the House last night by a vote of 344 to 21. It now goes to the Senate.

The administration opposes the bill on the ground that it would embarrass the government in negotiating treaties with the co-belligerents providing for the drafting of their nationals resident in this country. Such treaties with Great Britain and Canada have been signed and those with France and Italy are about completed.

The bill is applicable only to citizens of countries at war with Germany who are eligible to American citizenship in the United States, but they shall be deported as soon as practicable.

### DONATE SERVICES

P. & L. Railroaders Run Special Train for Red Cross Benefit.

The Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad company ran a special train, the "donating" train, to Star Junction Saturday night for the benefit of those from Dickerson Run and other points along the line who attended the minstrel given by the Y. M. C. A. of Dickerson Run for the benefit of the Star Junction Red Cross. Between 1900 to 1900 was realized from the performance, which met with wonderful success. Wednesday the ticket committee had disposed of all the tickets and could readily have disposed of 500 more.

The Washington Run Coal and Coke company donated the hall for the occasion. Miss Mary McConnell as "The Goddess of Liberty," scored a great hit, her patriotic song being well received. Following the performance the women members of the Red Cross of Star Junction served a dainty luncheon to the performers.

### SUPPORTED THE FAMILY.

McKee, Brothers and Sisters Dependent on Girl Killed by Larry.

Miss Laura May Cadden, who was killed last week by a Larry at Phillips works was the main support of her widowed mother and a large family who live at Kistertown, near Scottsdale. She took the place of her stepfather who died two years ago in providing for the family.

Miss Cadden united with the United Presbyterian church when eight years old. She leaves her mother, Mrs. Sarah Burd, of Kistertown, and the following stepbrothers and sisters: William, Arthur, John, Neil, James, Marie, Josephine and Elvira Burd. She stood by them all.

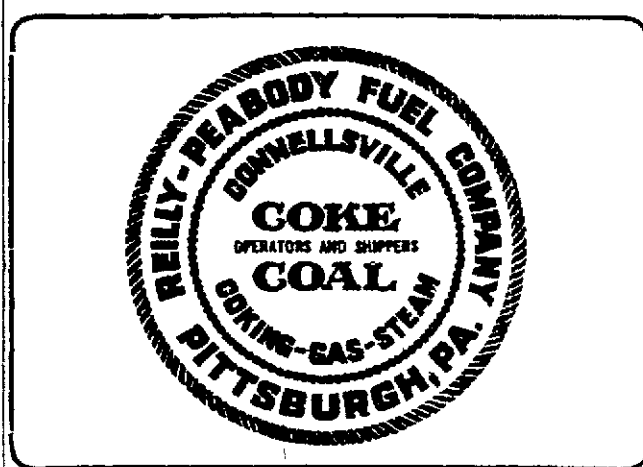
### Coal Freight Rates

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1917.

TO EASTERN PORTS.	ORIGINATING DISTRICT	CONNELLSVILLE	W. M. RAILROAD
Baltimore, Md.	1.15	1.15	1.15
Chesapeake, Md.	1.15	1.15	1.15
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.15	1.15	1.15
Johnstown, Pa.	1.15	1.15	1.15
Lebanon, Pa.	1.15	1.15	1.15
New York, N. Y.	1.15	1.15	1.15
New York, N. Y. (Hkys)	1.15	1.15	1.15
Philadelphia	1.15	1.15	1.15
Sparks Point	1.15	1.15	1.15
Steelton, Pa.	1.15	1.15	1.15
South Bethlehem, Pa.	1.15	1.15	1.15
Scranton, N. Y.	1.15	1.15	1.15
To ATLANTIC PORTS via B. & O.			
St. George Coal Piers	2.40	2.40	2.40
St. George for Export	2.00	2.00	2.00
Philadelphia Coal Piers	2.00	2.00	2.00
Philadelphia for Export	1.70	1.70	1.70
Curtis Bay Piers	1.80	1.80	1.80
Curtis Bay for Export	1.50	1.50	1.50
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. & O.			
St. George Coal Piers	2.40	2.40	2.40
St. George for Export	2.00	2.00	2.00
Philadelphia Coal Piers	2.00	2.00	2.00
Philadelphia for Export	1.70	1.70	1.70
Curtis Bay Piers	1.80	1.80	1.80
Curtis Bay for Export	1.50	1.50	1.50

The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 75c. Monongahela Railway to state line, 55c. below state line to Fairmont, 55c. The Connelville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad south of Ruffalo from points on the Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River Railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Gettysburg, Pa., from points on the Smithfield & Masonown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.



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### LARGE INCREASE IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE RENDERED BY P. R. R.

Freight Traffic Gained Almost Two Billion Tons—Millions of Passengers Carried Over 2,000,000,000.

The annual report of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, which has just been made public, shows that the public service rendered by the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1917 was equivalent to carrying one ton of freight 4,749,220,471 miles, and one passenger 5,828,020,961 miles, both far surpassing the records of any previous year. The freight traffic, in fact, was over 60 per cent greater than the combined annual ton-miles, before the war, of all the railroads in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the Republic of France.

As compared with 1916, which in itself exceeded all records up to that time, the freight service rendered last year by the Pennsylvania Railroad was 1,902,190,657 ton-miles, and the passenger service 856,196,001 passenger-miles.

For the first time in the history of the Pennsylvania System the number of passengers carried passed the 200,000,000 mark; the actual number transported during 1917 being 216,570,724, an increase of 21,328,848 over the previous high record made in 1916. The actual net income of the year was \$39,281,635, which, after the sinking and other reserve fund reductions, represented 7.4 per cent on the capital stock. Out of every dollar of transportation revenue 83 cents was required to pay operating expenses and taxes, a proportion far greater than in any preceding years. Approximately 275,000 persons were employed over the system in order to maintain an average force of 250,000.

### DENY VIOLATION

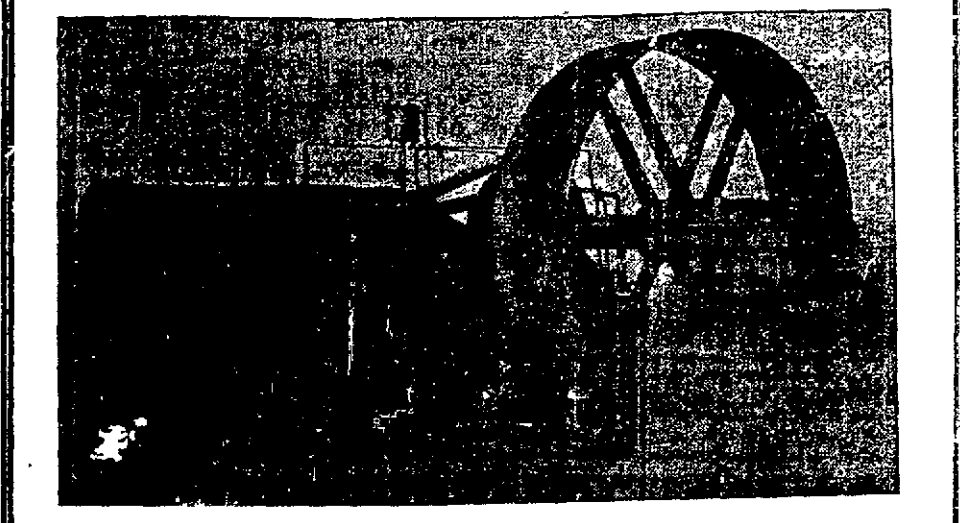
Mine Workers' Officials Assert Injunction Is Not Disobeyed.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Denial that injunctions restraining union miners from organizing employees of the Hawthorn Coal & Coke company in West Virginia had been violated was made in the Supreme court today in briefs filed by International President Frank J. Hayes and nine other officials and members of the United Mine Workers of America.

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### NEW LINE ACQUIRED

West Penn Interests Take Over Wellsville-Stevensville Link.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 5.—The Wheeling Traction Company announced this morning the purchase of the Wellsville, Weirton & Steubenville Traction line extending from Wellsville, W. Va., to Steubenville, O. This deal gives the Wheeling Traction Company a continuous line from Monaca to Steubenville a distance of 36 miles.

At the same time the traction company announced the placing orders for 52 all steel pay-as-you-enter cars, to replace those recently burned when the company's car barn here was partially destroyed by fire.

The Wheeling Traction company is a West Penn Power company interest.

### AGREEMENT RATIFIED

Carpenters' Union Approves Action of Representatives.

A new agreement drawn up with the journeyman carpenters at a conference Monday gives the carpenters an eight hour day at 62 1-2 cents an hour, with time and half time for all overtime and double time for all holiday work. The agreement was announced in Saturday's edition of The Courier.

About 100 carpenters are affected by the agreement, which was signed by seven building contracting firms in the city through their managers. The agreement is to be in effect for one year and, provided notice is not given four months in advance of March 1, 1919 it will continue until March 1, 1920.

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